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LeaveLink® User Guide

For County of Los Angeles Users

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Acronyms and Abbreviations Commonly used in LeaveLink®

4850 = Labor Code 4850

AMS = Absence Management Software or System; LeaveLink

CAA = Conditional Assignment Agreement

EE = Employee

ERP = Employer Response Packet (sometimes called Eligibility Packet or Conditional Letter)

FMLA = Family Medical Leave Act of 1993

HCP = Healthcare Provider

IA = Industrial Accident

LOA = Leave of Absence

LTD = Long-term Disability

Med Cert = Medical Certification

MLOA = Medical Leave of Absence

RTW = Return to Work

SHC = Serious Health Condition

STD = Short-term Disability

WC = Workers' Compensation

WHTA = Work Hardening Transitional Assignment

County of Los Angeles LeaveLink® User Access Levels

The following user access levels exist in LeaveLink[®]. This user guide contains information on the areas these access levels may access; however, not all of the access levels have access to all areas contained within this user guide.

Dept User – This user has full access to LeaveLink[®]. He/she can access employees in his/her department only. This user is the only user that receives tasks. This user's County of Los Angeles job title may be RTW Coordinator, FMLA Coordinator, or ADA/FEHA Coordinator. This user has an access level of RTW Coordinator in LeaveLink.

Dept Master User - This user has full access to LeaveLink[®]. He/she can access employees in his/her department only. He/she can reassign tasks and leave owners for employees within his/her department. This user's County of Los Angeles job title may be RTW Supervisor, FMLA Supervisor, or ADA/FEHA Supervisor. This user has an access level of Dept HR in LeaveLink.

CEO/DHR Super User – This user has full access to LeaveLink[®]. He/she can access all employees. He/she can reassign tasks and leave owners for all employees. These users work in DHR or CEO. This user has an access level of Master HR in LeaveLink.

Dept Report – This user can access only the reports. The reports contain data on employees in his/her department only.

All Report - This user can access only the reports. The reports contain data on all employees.

Accessing LeaveLink®

To access LeaveLink®:

1.) Enter www.leaveadmincola.com in your web browser. The LeaveLink® login screen will appear (see Figure 1).



You may also access LeaveLink through LA County Benefits (mylacountybenefits.com). There is a link in the bottom, right-hand corner.

2.) Enter your username.



Your username is your 'e' or 'c' + employee number. For example: e123456 or c123456. Enter your password.

3.) Click Submit to access the system.



Figure 1

Home Page

After you have logged into the system, the LeaveLink® home page is displayed (see Figure 2). At the top of the screen are four links to access the home page (home), employee search screen (search), your task list (task list), and report selection screen (reports). The logout link is located in the upper, right-hand corner of LeaveLink® (logout). These links are available from any area of the program.

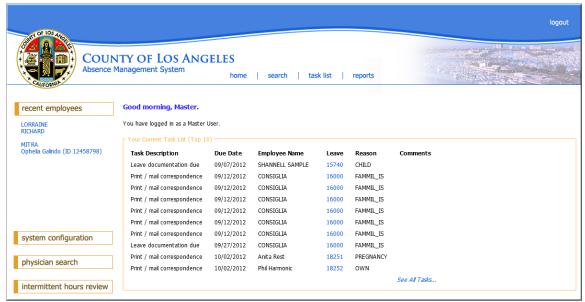


Figure 2

If you have tasks that need to be complete, a portion of your task list is displayed in the Your Current Task List (Top 10) section of the screen. To view more of your tasks, click the **See All Tasks...** option at the bottom of the screen.

Based on your access level, the following menu items may appear on your home screen:

- Recent Employees This option shows the employees that you most recently searched.
- Physician Search This option allows you to search physician records that have been
 entered through the medical certification screen and update these records using the Link
 to Modify from the search results.



Figure 3

- Intermittent Hours Review This option allows you to view and reconcile information about intermittent absences imported from the County payroll system that conflict with leave information in LeaveLink®. The records on this screen indicate the absence information that was imported from the County payroll system did not match the leave information that was already in LeaveLink®. For more information on reviewing intermittent hours, please see the
- Reviewing Intermittent Hours section.



Task List

LeaveLink® creates system-generated tasks as leaves are entered and processed. Some of these tasks are automatically completed as you process leaves in LeaveLink®, while others you have to manually remove from your task list. Following is a partial list of the system-generated tasks, how they are created in the system and how they are removed from your task list (see Table 1).



Only the Return to Work Coordinator receives tasks.

LeaveLink Task	Created When:	Completed & Removed:
Review new leave request	A leave request with the planned absences is entered in the system.	Automatically after the eligibility review is completed and the leave is added to the system.
Leave documentation due (original)	A leave requiring a medical certification is entered in the system.	Automatically when the "Complete Received" date is entered on the Medical Certification screen.
Print and mail correspondence	Correspondence is generated in the system.	Manually completed after you print and mail the correspondence packet.
EE scheduled for RTW	The Expected RTW date or last absence date is five days from the current date and the leave is still open.	Manually completed when the "Actual Return Date or Closure Date" is completed on the Back to Work tab on the Leave Details screen.
Internal message from:	Manually created from the task list.	Manually completed.
Other	Manually created from the task list.	Manually completed.
Recertification: Intermittent	A nightly batch cycle runs and places the task on the list if the leave is intermittent and 60 days has lapsed since the last certification.	Manually completed after the recertification record has been entered on the med cert tab.
Confirm RTW or Recertification	The medical certification has expired, and there is not a subsequent recertification record or confirmed RTW date entered for the leave, and the task has not been generated for the past seven days.	Manually completed after RTW has been confirmed or recertification has been created.
8-Day Follow-Up	A nightly batch cycle runs and places the task on the list if 8 days has lapsed since the entry of the leave.	Manually completed.
Close leave for Terminated Employee	A nightly batch cycle runs and places the task on the list if an employee has a termination date and an open leave.	Manually completed after the open leave has been closed.

30-Day Follow-Up	A nightly batch cycle runs and places the task on the list if 30 days has lapsed since the entry of the leave or the last 30-Day Follow-Up task.	Manually completed.
Update STD Status	A nightly batch cycle runs and places the task on the list if STD approval dates are imported for a leave.	Manually completed after STD has been approved from the std / ltd/ wc tab.

Table 1

- 1.) To access your task list click the **See All Tasks...** option on the "Your Current Task List (Top 10)" section of the home page or click the **Task List** link at the top of any screen.
- 2.) The task list screen contains three tabs: **My Tasks**, **All Tasks** and **Coming Soon** (see Figure 4).
 - a.) Tasks with dates equal to the current date or earlier appear on the My Tasks tab.
 - b.) You can view the tasks assigned to all administrators on the All Tasks tab.
 - i. The task may be reassigned by clicking on the date link for the task.



Only someone with Dept Master User or CEO/DHR Super User access may reassign tasks.

- ii. Select the administrator that you would like to reassign the task to from the dropdown list.
- iii. If necessary, you may also change the "due" date of the task by editing the date in the "Scheduled for" field.
- iv. Click Submit.
- c.) The **Coming Soon** tab shows you tasks with due dates in the future.



Figure 4

- 3.) The date, description, comments, employee, reason and the leave number associated with each task are displayed.
- 4.) To process a to-do item, simply click on the link in the description column.
 - a.) You will be re-directed to the appropriate area of the software to perform the action required.
 - b.) Most tasks will be removed from your task list when the required information is entered or processed.
 - c.) You can also remove an item from your task list by clicking the associated box in the "Done" column and clicking the **Update** button.

Ad-Hoc Tasks & Internal Communications

LeaveLink® allows you to create ad-hoc tasks in addition to the system-generated tasks. You can also send messages to other administrators or users that will appear on their task lists.

- 1.) To create an ad-hoc task, click the **New Task** button on your task list.
 - a.) A screen will appear for you to select the type of task and enter the details for it (see Figure 5).



Figure 5

- 2.) On the new administrative task screen:
 - a.) Select the date that you want the task to appear on the task list.
 - b.) Select the type of task you want to create from the "Task Type" drop-down list. Use the "Internal message from:" option to send a message to another administrator. Use the "Other" option if you want to create a new task that is not defined.
 - c.) Select the name of the user to receive the task from the "Administrator" dropdown list. Be sure you have selected your name if you want the task displayed on your task list.
 - d.) Associate the task with a specific leave by using the search feature to find the desired leave (optional).
 - e.) Associate the task with a specific employee by using the search feature to find the desired employee (optional).
 - f.) Enter a description or comments in the "Notes" field. Use this to define new tasks such as "Call employee to verify delivery date," "Fax from provider due," etc. This will be displayed in the comments section of the task list.
 - g.) Click the SUBMIT button.

Finding an Employee Record

To locate an employee's record in the system:

- 1.) Click the **Search** link at the top of any screen. A search screen will appear where information is entered to locate the employee's record (see Figure 6).
- 2.) Enter any or all of the employee's first name, last name, employee ID or social-security number.
- 3.) Click the **Search** button, and a list of employees matching your search criteria will appear under the entry fields.
- 4.) Click on the employee's name to access his/her record on the Employee Profile screen.



Figure 6

a.) Once you access an employee's record from this screen, his/her name will appear in the recently accessed list on the right side of the screen. You can simply click on the employee's name in this list to access his/her record.



When searching by leave number, you must enter the full leave number.



Your search results are restricted to employees in your department.



When searching by last name, LeaveLink requires accurate spelling. LeaveLink will not suggest an alternate spelling.



When searching by Employee ID, the lower case "e" should not be included.

Employee Profile Screen

The employee profile screen displays a summary of the employee's demographic information (including the employee's work state under location) and leave data. It also displays the employee's current leave entitlement as of the current date (see Figure 7).

From this screen, you can access the employee's record by clicking the **Modify...** link in the "Demographics & Employment" area of the screen. You can also access the details for a leave by clicking on the leave number in the "Leave Summary" area of the screen. The **View All** link in the "Leave Summary" area allows you to view the employee's leave and absence history (see step 3 in the Calendar section).

You can enter a leave request for the employee by clicking the **NEW LEAVE** button. To enter a historic leave (a leave that occurred before you began using LeaveLink) for this employee, click the **HISTORIC** button. To review the correspondence generated for this employee, click the **CORRES**. button. You can create the Employee Profile report by clicking the **REPORT** button and see a color-coded calendar with all of the employee's absences by clicking the **CALENDAR** button.

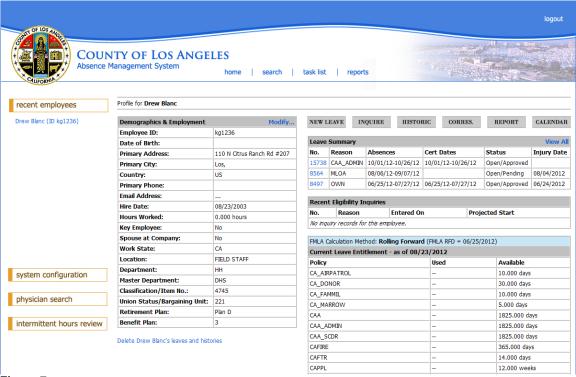


Figure 7

Modifying Demographics & Employment Information



The second address information is the only information you can update on the Demographic and Employment information. All other changes must be received on the file from eHR.

- 1.) To view or modify the employee's demographic or employment information, click the **Modify...** in the Demographics & Employment box.
 - a.) The tabbed employee screen will appear (see Figure 8).



Figure 8

- 2.) The first section of the **demographics** tab displays the employee's name, Social Security number, date of birth, marital status, and gender.
- 3.) The second section of the demographics tab allows you to view the employee's primary address and phone number. This information will be used in the letters that are generated during the leave process.
 - a.) You can also enter a second address and phone number if the employee will be at a different address while on leave (such as a parent's home if taking leave for a parent's serious health condition).



If a second address is entered, it becomes the default mailing address.

- b.) The employee's email address can also be viewed in this section.
- 4.) The third section of the **demographics** tab allows you to view the employee ID.

- 5.) Click the **UPDATE** button if you have updated second address information for the employee.
 - a.) You can click the **PROFILE** button to view the employee's profile screen.
- 6.) The first section of the **employment** (see **Error! Reference source not found.**) tab allows you to view the employee's continuous service date, original hire date, termination date, and occupation.
 - a.) You can update the hours worked information for the employee by entering the total hours worked in the previous 12 months in the Hours Worked field. Then enter the date these hours worked are current as of in the Hours Worked Date field. Finally, click the UPDATE button at the bottom of the screen to save your changes.



Note

The hours worked information is provided to LeaveLink from eHR. Updating the hours worked will replace the information from eHR in LeaveLink. When a new file is received by LeaveLink, the manually entered hours will be replaced by the information from the file.



The manually entered hours will be used when determining eligibility if a subsequent file has not been received from eHR since they were entered.

- b.) You can also view if the employee is a key employee or if the employee is classified as salaried/exempt.
- 7.) The report grouping section allows you to view the configuration for the employee.
- 8.) The final section allows you to view the employee's RTW Coordinator and Dept HR.
- 9.) Click the **PROFILE** button to view the employee's profile screen.

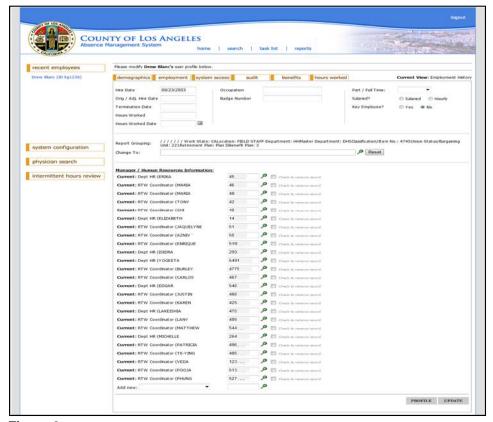


Figure 9

10.) If the employee has access to the software, then you can view his/her access level by clicking the System Access tab (see Figure 9).

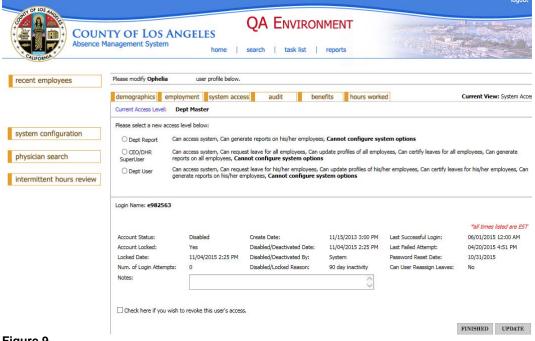


Figure 9

- 11.) To see an audit trail of the changes that have been made to the employees demographic and employment information, click the **audit** tab (see Figure 10).
 - a.) This tab provides a date, time, description, and user stamp of changes that have been made to the employee's demographic and employment information.

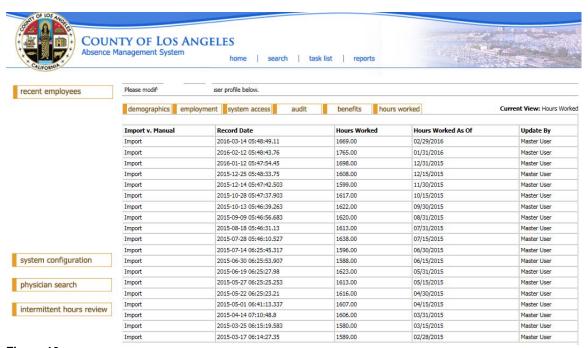


Figure 10

- 12.) To see the hours worked history for the previous 12 months, click the **hours worked** tab (see Figure 11).
 - a.) This tab displays all hours worked records for the employee in the previous 12 months; it also indicated whether the hours were manually entered by a user or received on the import from the County payroll system.

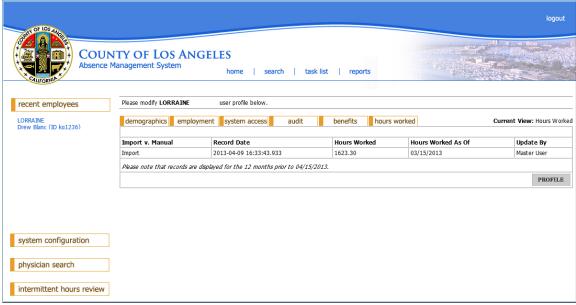


Figure 11

Unknown Work State

If an employee's work state is missing, the following message will appear on the Employee Profile screen:

Please click the "MODIFY" link to your left to define a work location (reporting group) under the EMPLOYMENT tab.

New leaves may not be entered for this employee until a work state has been defined.

To define the employee's work state:

- 1.) Click the **Modify...** link on the "Demographics & Employment" section of the screen.
- 2.) Click the **Employment** tab.
- 3.) Select the appropriate report grouping using the search icon located next to the "Change To" field.

Calendar

To see a calendar with all of the employee's absences (see Figure 12), click the **CALENDAR** button.



Figure 12

1.) You may view details about each absence by clicking on the day of the absence. A popup box will appear listing the date of the absence, the type of absence (continuous, reduced schedule or intermittent), the leave number associated with the absence, the policies that apply to the absence, and the status of the absence (see Figure 13).

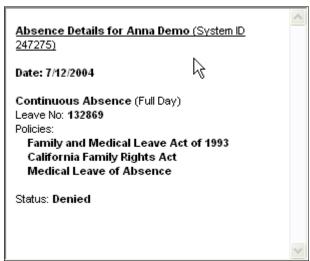


Figure 13

2.) Click **PROFILE** to exit the calendar and return the employee profile screen.

View All Leaves

To view all of the employee's leaves/absences in one place, click the **View All** link in the "Leave Summary" section. From this screen you may view the employee's leave and absence history (see Figure 14).



Figure 14

The **All Absences** tab allows you to view all of the employee's absences across multiple leaves. The **Leave Data** tab allows you to view absences by leave number. The **Attendance** tab allows you to view the employee's attendance record, including the hours the employee was scheduled to work and the hours the employee missed.



The employee's leave and absence history may also be viewed by clicking the "View All" button on the Leave Details page.

Entering Historic Leave

The Historic Leave feature is used to enter leaves that occurred 12 months prior to using LeaveLink.

To enter a historic continuous leave,

1.) Click the **Historic** button on the employee's profile screen.



The leave will be entered as an approved, closed leave. This means that the leave will be entered as if the employee used time under FMLA and any applicable state and employer-authorized polices.

2.) Select the reason for leave from the dropdown menu (see Figure 15).



If the reason Own Serious Health Condition, Pregnancy, Medical Leave of Absence, 4850 Leave, Work Hardening Transitional Assignment, Conditional Assignment Agreement (including Admin Reassign or SCDR), or 5020 Form is selected, a field will appear to enter the date of injury.



Figure 15

3.) Click Continue.

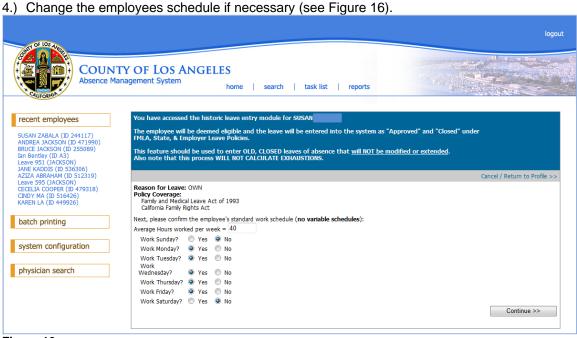


Figure 16

5.) If the leave was a continuous leave, enter the date range the employee missed (see Figure 17). If the leave was intermittent, select "Intermittent Leave," and enter the days and number of hours per day the employee missed.



If the leave contained both continuous and intermittent absences, the continuous absences will have to be entered as one leave. Then, you will need to create another historic leave for the intermittent absences.



Pregnancy leaves will need to be entered as two leaves for applicable state policies, such as California Pregnancy Disability Leave and California Family Rights Act, to be applied correctly. You will need to enter one historic leave for the disability portion and another for the care and bonding portion of the leave.

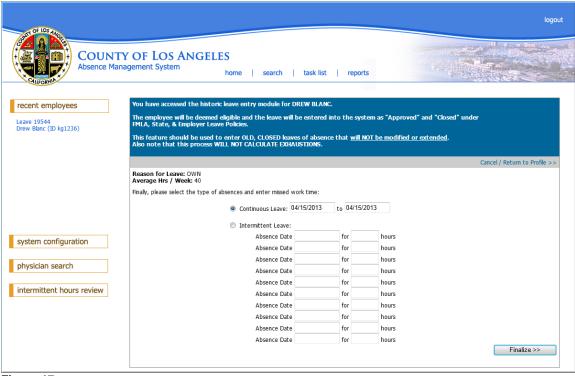


Figure 17

- 6.) Click Finalize.
- 7.) This takes you to the leave details for the historic leave you just entered (see Figure 18), The historic leave is now in LeaveLink.



You may need to manually remove some employer-authorized policies from the leave. Please refer to the *Modifying Policy Coverage* section of this user guide for more information for this process.

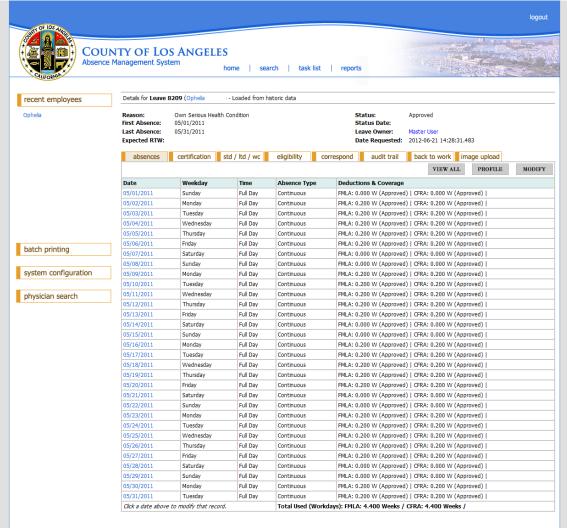


Figure 18

Leave Inquiry Process

The leave inquiry process is an informal way to check if the employee is eligible based on the hours worked that are in the system to date. The inquiry will not generate a packet.

To determine if an employee has time available for leave:

- 1.) Click Inquire located above the Leave Summary box on the employee profile screen.
- 2.) Select the reason for leave from the dropdown menu (see Figure 19).



Figure 19

- 3.) Select who is inquiring about the leave.
- 4.) Enter the start date of the leave. If no date is entered, the default date, which is today's date, will be used.
- 5.) Click SUBMIT.
- 6.) This screen (see Figure 20) shows which policies would apply to the leave (determined by the reason selected on the previous screen).



Figure 20

- a. If you do not have a time and attendance feed in LeaveLink[®], the policies will appear as ineligible. This can be overturned during the process of adding a new leave for the employee.
- b. The amount of leave an employee has available under the applicable policies appears in the "Starting Entitlement Calculations" section.
- 7.) Click **PROFILE** to return to the employee's profile, or click the "Send inquiry letter/fulfillment" link to generate correspondence regarding the availability of time under the applicable policies.

Adding a New Leave

Check for an existing leave first.

Before adding a new leave, consult the Leave Summary box (see Figure 21) on the employee profile page to ensure that the employee does not already have a leave recorded for the time period (or part of the time period) you would like to record the new leave.



The duration between the leave start and end dates should not be longer than one year, regardless of whether the leave is continuous, intermittent, or reduced schedule.

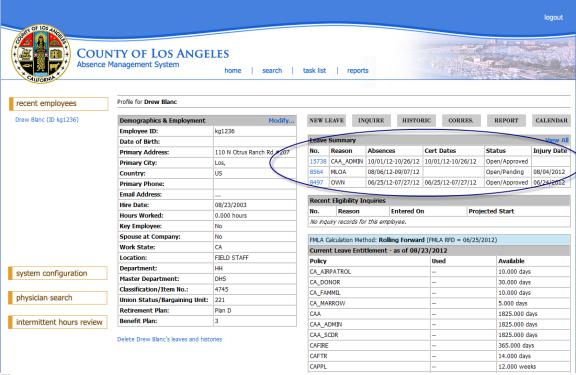


Figure 21

To request a new leave for an employee from the Employee Profile screen:

- 1.) Click the **NEW LEAVE** button (see Figure 21). The New Leave Request screen will appear (see Figure 22).
- 2.) Select why the employee is requesting leave by selecting an option from the "Reason for Leave" drop-down menu. If the reason for leave is not displayed in the list, then it is not covered by any policies. Select the "Other" reason from the drop-down list, and LeaveLink® will deny this request because it is not a covered reason. You can document the specific reason for leave in the denial process.



See Appendix A – Reasons for Leave for a list of all reasons for leave.

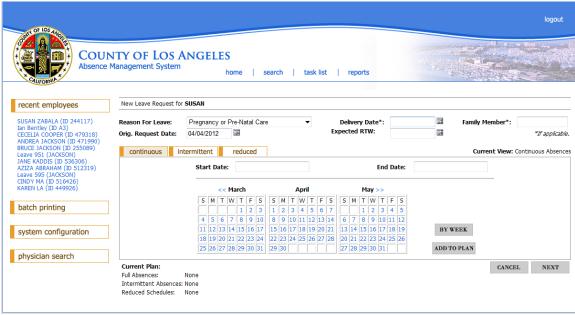


Figure 22

- If the reason for leave is Pregnancy or Pre-Natal Care, then you must enter an expected due date in the "Delivery Date" field. You can use the pop-up calendar to select the date.
- 4.) If the reason for leave is Child's Serious Health Condition, Spouse's Serious Health Condition, or Parent's Serious Health Condition, then you must enter the person's name or relationship in the "Family Member" field to distinguish between the employee's leaves.
- 5.) The "Original Request Date" field is defaulted to the current date. You may change the date by entering a new date or selecting a date using the pop-up calendar feature.
- 6.) Enter the date the employee is scheduled to return to work in the "Expected RTW" field.

The tabbed portion of the screen allows you to enter the three different types of leave the FMLA regulations authorize: continuous, intermittent or reduced schedule.

Continuous Leave

To record a block of continuous leave:

- 1.) Click the start date on the calendar or enter the date.
- 2.) Click the end date on the calendar or enter the date.
- 3.) Click the ADD TO PLAN button. The selected dates will appear under the current plan section of the screen. You can add another block of continuous leave the same way, or add intermittent or reduced schedule leave.

Or

1.) Click the **BY WEEK** button. A pop-up window will appear asking for the start date and duration of the leave (see Figure 23).

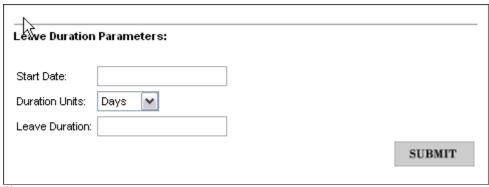


Figure 23

- 2.) Enter the start date.
- 3.) Select the duration unit from the dropdown list. The default unit is "days."
- 4.) Enter the numerical duration of the leave (e.g., if the employee is taking seven days, enter 7).
- 5.) Click SUBMIT.
- 6.) Click the ADD TO PLAN button. The selected dates will appear under the current plan section of the screen. You can add another block of continuous leave the same way, or add intermittent or reduced schedule leave.

Intermittent Leave

To enter intermittent leave dates (see Figure 24):

- 1.) Click the intermittent tab.
- 2.) Click the appropriate date on the calendar or enter the date.
- 3.) Enter the start time of the absence.
- 4.) Enter the end time of the absence. LeaveLink® will calculate the time taken based on the time worked and the employee's work schedule. If you don't know the exact times of the absence, enter a time period that approximates the employee's time off.



Please do not include unpaid hours, such as breaks or lunches, in the absence start and end time. For example, if the employee missed 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., but that includes an hour for unpaid lunch, enter the absence as 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will cause LeaveLink® to correctly calculate the absence as 8 hours, instead of 9 hours.

5.) Click the **ADD TO PLAN** button. The intermittent absence will appear under the current plan section of the screen. You can add another block of intermittent leave the same way, or add continuous or reduced schedule leave.

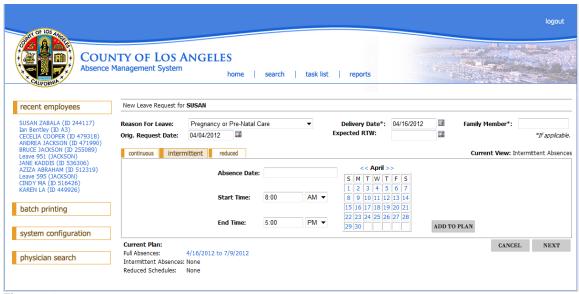


Figure 24

Reduced Schedule Leave

To enter reduced schedule leave (see Figure 25):

- 1.) Click the **Reduced** tab.
- 2.) Click the reduced schedule start date on the calendar or enter the date.
- 3.) Click the reduced schedule end date on the calendar or enter the date.
- 4.) If necessary, change the number of hours the employee is allowed to work.
- 5.) Enter the hours that the employee will miss on each day he/she is scheduled to work.
- 6.) Click the **ADD TO PLAN** button. The reduced schedule leave will appear under the current plan section of the screen. You can add another block of reduced schedule leave the same way, or add continuous or intermittent leave.

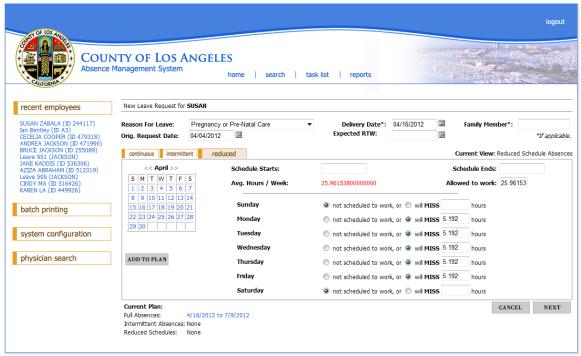


Figure 25

After you have entered all of the planned absences for the employee's leave, click the **NEXT** button to proceed.

STD/WC Intake Screen

If short-term disability (STD), long-term disability (LTD), and/or workers' compensation (WC) could apply to the leave, then an additional screen will appear when the reason for leave is Own Serious Health Condition, Pregnancy, Medical Leave of Absence, 4850 Leave, Work Hardening Transitional Assignment, Conditional Assignment Agreement (including Admin Reassign or SCDR), or 5020 Form (see Figure 26). This screen gathers information about the leave to determine if STD, LTD, or WC may apply.



An import from Sedgwick will be populated into LeaveLink® for approved STD and LTD benefits.



Figure 26

To complete this screen:

- 1.) Indicate if the employee's condition is an accident or illness.
- 2.) Indicate if the accident/illness occurred on the job. This question helps determine if STD, LTD, or WC may apply. If you select "Yes," WC will be applied to the leave.
- 3.) Indicate if the employee was hospitalized or if that information is unknown. This helps determine elimination period qualifications for STD.
- 4.) Enter the date of the injury.
- 5.) Verify the last date worked, or enter the correct data.
- 6.) Verify the employee's job title, or enter the correct data.
- 7.) Enter the physician's name and phone number, if known.
- 8.) Enter any associated notes.
- 9.) Once you have entered the applicable information, click the **NEXT** button.

Notes for Eligibility Review

Next, a screen will appear for you to enter notes that can be reviewed during the eligibility review (see Figure 27). If there are any notes, please enter them in the box below the script. Otherwise, it may be left blank. These notes will appear on the Eligibility Review screen and the Audit Trail tab for the leave.

Click the **SUBMIT** button to proceed.

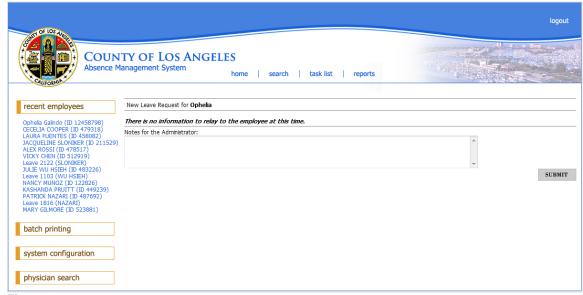


Figure 27

Two- Week Scheduler

A screen will appear for you to enter the employee's two-week schedule (see Figure 28). The schedule defaults to 8 hours a day, Monday through Friday, for both weeks. It also defaults the beginning date of the schedule to the Sunday prior to the first day of leave requested.



Figure 28

To change the employee's schedule:

- 1.) Enter the hours scheduled on each day.
- 2.) Verify the schedule begin date or enter a new date.
- 3.) Once the weeks accurately reflect the employee's schedule, click the **SUBMIT** button.

Eligibility Review

The screen to review an employee's eligibility will appear (see Figure 29). This screen contains four areas of information: **Cumulative Totals**, **Policy Coverage**, **Averaging Process** and **Policy Availability**.

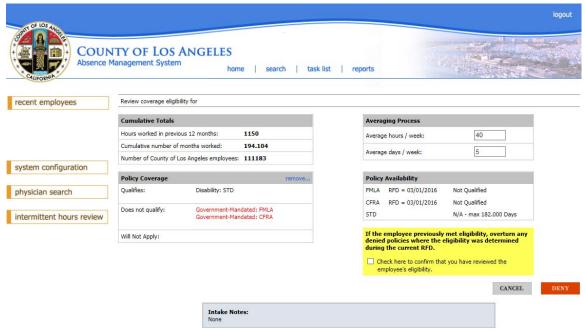


Figure 29

The **Cumulative Totals** section shows the calculations for the employee's hours worked in the previous 12 months, the cumulative number of months worked, and the total number of County of Los Angeles employees.

The **Policy Coverage** section displays the policies that apply to the reason why the employee is taking leave and determines if the employee qualifies or does not qualify for each policy.

The **Intake Notes** section displays any notes that were entered during the leave request process. These notes also appear on the Audit Trail tab for the leave.

Overturning Coverage

In Figure 29, you can see that the employee does not qualify for either federal FMLA or CFRA. To view the values used to make the determination for FMLA, click the "Federal – Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993" link. The Explanation of Non-Qualification screen will appear (see Figure 30).

The policy requirements listed on this screen reflect the policy configuration.

- 1.) If you know that an employee really does meet the requirements for the policy, click the **OVERTURN** button to apply coverage under this policy.
 - a.) You can follow the same process for each policy.

- b.) If more than one deficiency exists, the employee must meet the requirements for all deficiencies for you to overturn policy coverage.
- c.) The overturned policies will appear as qualified when you return to the screen.
- d.) Click the **GO BACK** button if you do not want to overturn the determination.
- 2.) If in fact that employee does not meet eligibility, check mark the box next to "Check here to confirm that you have reviewed the employee's eligibility.



Figure 30

If required by a leave policy, the **Averaging Process** section of the eligibility review screen contains calculated from the County payroll import or default values of 40 hours and 5 days. This calculation determines proper leave entitlement.



Please overturn any policies before adjusting the employee's average hours and days worked (if applicable).

The **Policy Availability** section of the screen shows the employee's available time under each policy that might apply to this leave.

The **Similar Leave** box will appear if the employee has taken a leave for the same reason during the past 12 months. It displays the information for the similar leave, including the "condition" if this was provided on the medical certification for the leave. This helps you determine if this actually a new leave or should be entered as an extension to an existing leave.



If you determine that is should be an extension, please see the Extending a Leave with Continuous Absences, Extending the Leave with a Reduced Schedule, or Adding a Single Absence to a Leave sections of this user guide.

Removing or delaying individual policies:

1.) In the Policy Coverage box, click **remove** (see Figure 31).



Figure 31

2.) Select **Do Not Apply** or enter a date in the Delay Until field for the policy that you would like remove or delay (see Figure 32).

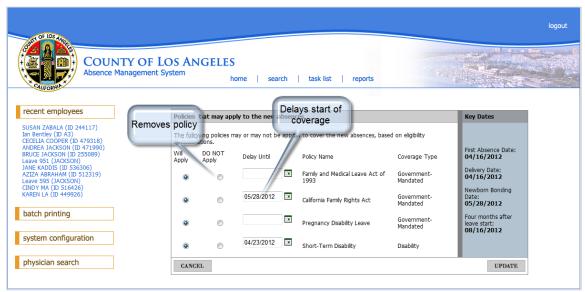


Figure 32



Notes about this process:

- a. STD will always be delayed by default until the elimination period is met.
- b. These policies will still appear in the eligibility review and on the leave audit trail.
- c. Every delay or manual removal will appear in the audit trail.

3.) Click **UPDATE**.

Coverage Breakdown

The final coverage breakdown screen shows each absence date, the hours taken per day, the applicable policies, policy deduction taken per day, overall deductions and maximum amount allowed (see Figure 33). The starting count for overall deductions reflects the employee's previous leave balance.

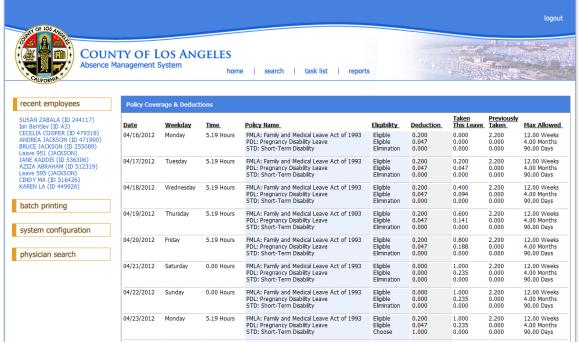
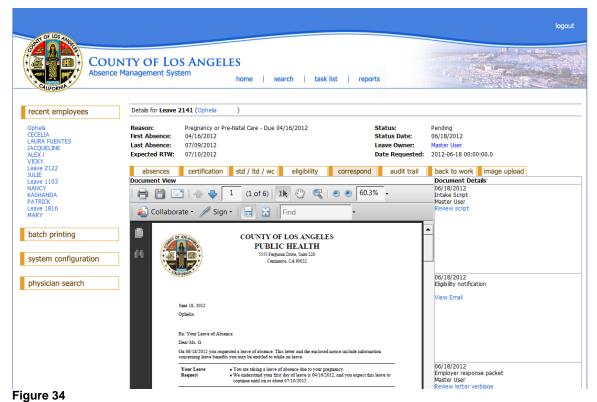


Figure 33

You can click the **GO BACK** button to return to the eligibility process if changes need to be made. Otherwise, verify the information and click the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the screen to proceed.

LeaveLink® will then generate and display the appropriate correspondence in Adobe Acrobat (see Figure 34). Click on the printer icon in Adobe to print the packet. An item will also appear on your task list to print and mail correspondence. You can also print the correspondence by clicking on the link in your task list. It will open Adobe Acrobat and display the correspondence. This task will not be automatically removed from your task list. Once you've mailed the correspondence, click the checkbox in the "Complete" column beside the task and click the **UPDATE** button. This will remove the item from your task list and record that date in the audit trail for mailing the correspondence.



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Calculating Policies: Business Days vs. Calendar Days

Some policies may be calculated using calendar days instead of business days.



Calendar day calculations apply only to continuous leaves.

For policies that use calendar days as the calculation method, weekends will be included in the calculation. This means that instead of showing 0.00 under time taken on weekends (as is done for business day calculations), there will be an amount listed for the time taken (see Figure 35).

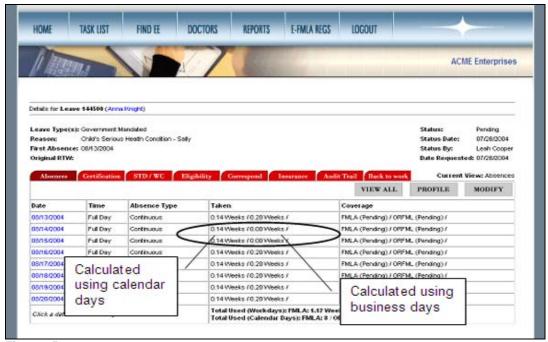


Figure 35

Two policies that use different calculation methods may still be applied to the leave. One policy will calculate time taken on the weekends; the other one will not.



The default calculation setting for all policies is business days. If a policy needs to be calculated using calendar days, Absentys has the ability to change it.

Leave Details Screen

The Leave Details screen contains all the information about a leave in one place (see Figure 36). You can access this screen from the Employee Profile by clicking on the associated leave number.

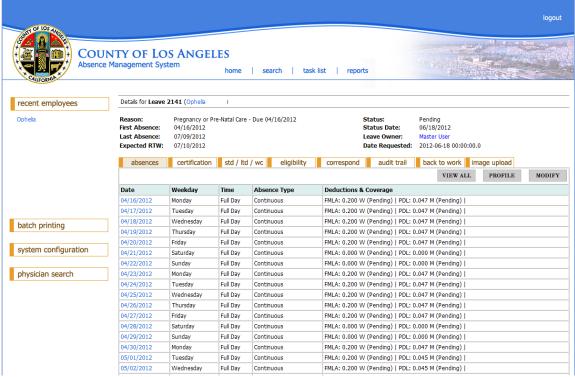


Figure 36

At the top of the screen, the leave number, reason for leave, first absence, and expected return to work date are displayed. You can also view the status of the leave, status date, the leave owner (who receives the tasks for this leave), and the date the leave was requested.

To reassign a leave:

1.) Click the leave owner name. A pop-up window will appear (see Figure 37).



Figure 37

- 2.) Select the new leave owner from the "Update To:" dropdown menu.
- 3.) Click Update.



Only a Dept Master User or CEO/DHR Super User can reassign the leave owner. The leave owner must be a Return to Work Coordinator.

There are eight tabs on this screen: **absences**, **certification**, **std / ltd / wc**, **eligibility**, **correspond**, **audit trail**, **back to work**, and **image upload**. The selected tab is tan when open.

Absences Tab

The **Absences** tab lists each date associated with the leave, the time taken, absence type, the absence type, and the policy coverage. You can edit or cancel a single day by clicking on its date in the list. You can edit other areas of the leave by clicking the **MODIFY** button.



Please see the *Modifying a Leave* section of this user guide for further details on changing a leave.

Certification Tab

The **Certification** tab allows you to access the medical certification, other opinion, and recertification records (see Figure 38). To access a certification record, click the appropriate number in the list. Once a certification has been received, the physician name, complete received date, time period, and outcome will be listed along with if it is complete or certifies a chronic serious health condition. For more details about entering medical certification information, see the **Certifying a Leave** section of the guide.



Figure 38

STD / LTD/ WC Tab

The **std / ltd / wc** tab allows you to enter information received regarding short-term disability, long-term disability, or workers' compensation as it applies to the leave (see Figure 36). It also shows the information that was entered during the leave request process in the "Claim Intake" section.

If approval information for STD or LTD is received by LeaveLink from Sedgwick, the leave owner will receive a task to notify him/her. To update the STD or LTD based on this new information, click the **Update STD Status** button. This button will only appear when new information has been received from Sedgwick.

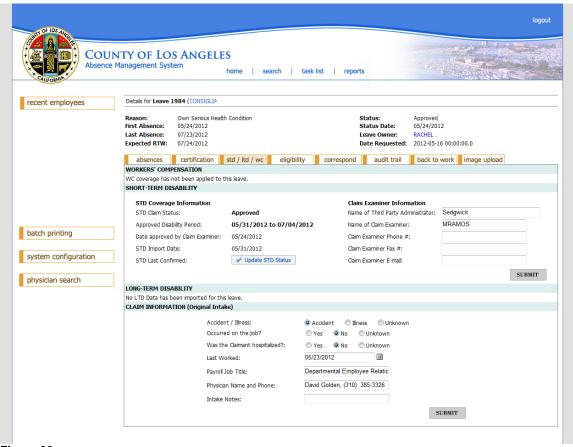


Figure 39

Eligibility Tab

The **eligibility** tab displays the calculations used to determine the employee's eligibility for each applicable policy (see Figure 40). It shows the policy name, calculated values and any deficiencies. Overturned eligibility is not reflected on this screen, but rather on the **audit trail** tab.



Figure 40

Correspond Tab

The **correspond** tab contains a list of all correspondence that has been generated for this leave (see Figure 41). To view or print the correspondence, click the **Recreate PDF** link. Adobe Acrobat will display the letter. It can be reprinted at any time.

Additional correspondence may only be generated if it is tied to a leave.

- 1.) Click on Add New.
- 2.) Select the correspondence you would like to generate.



Only letters associated with that leave's reason for leave will appear as selections.

3.) Click **Submit** to generate the correspondence.



It may take a couple of seconds for the correspondence to appear on the Details for Leave screen.

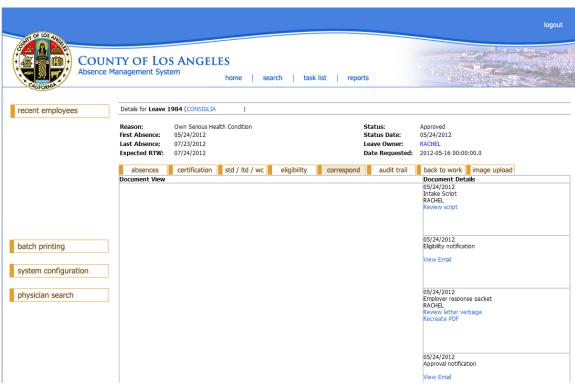


Figure 41

Audit Trail Tab

The **audit trail** tab displays a comprehensive list of all actions taken, certification notes, user created leave notes and tasks associated with the leave (see Figure 42). The first section of the screen is system generated and lists each step in the leave process, from request to closure, with the date and time it occurred and the user that processed each step. You can create a Leave Activity/Audit Trail report by clicking the **Report** button.

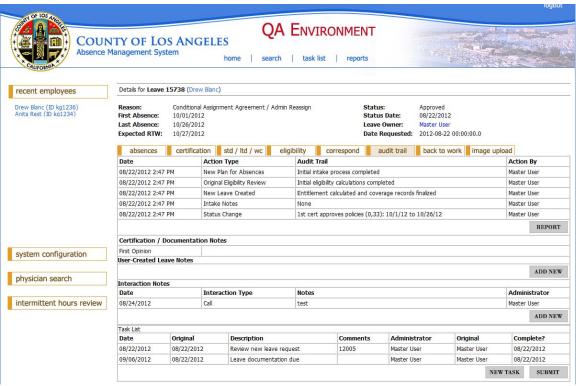


Figure 42

The second section contains any notes that were entered on the medical certification screen for the first certification.

The third section of the screen contains user created leave notes. You can add information about a leave by clicking the **ADD NEW** button. Each entry is date and user stamped.

The fourth section of the screen contains user-entered interaction notes. It also displays the date the interaction occurred (entered by the user) and the type of interaction. You can add an interaction note by clicking the **ADD NEW** button in this section. You will be asked to select the date of the interaction and the type of interaction, either "Call" or "Home Visit." Each entry is user stamped.

The fifth section of the screen contains a list of all tasks associated with the leave, the date due, the original date due (if the due date has been changed by a user), the date completed, the user assigned the task, and the original user assigned the task (if the task has been reassigned).

Back to Work Tab

The **back to work** tab allows you to enter information when an employee returns to work from leave (see Figure 43). The "Physician ID" number for the health care provider that submitted the medical certification will be displayed. You can change this by selecting another physician using

the search feature or adding a new physician. You can enter the "Allowed Return to Work" and "Actual Return to Work" dates. If there are any work restrictions or comments on the fitness-forduty certification, they can be entered in the "Work Restrictions" or the "Work Restrictions Comments" fields.

You can close the leave to further processing by clicking that option at the bottom of the screen and selecting a reason for closing the leave from the dropdown list. If the actual return to work date is prior to the last recorded absence, you can delete any absences after the actual return to work date by clicking the applicable option at the bottom of the screen. Click the **SUBMIT** button to process your entries. Go to the **absences** tab to review the dates associated with the leave. If the appropriate days are not cancelled, click on the day and cancel that absence.



Figure 43

Image Upload

The **image upload** tab allows you to upload certain file types into LeaveLink (see Figure 44). This allows you to store documentation, such as the original medical certification form, with the leave. Once a file has been uploaded, it can be viewed on the Correspond tab.



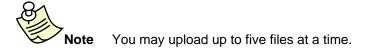
Only .pdf, .jpg, .gif, or .tiff file types may be uploaded. Each file cannot be larger than 200kb.



Figure 44

To upload an image:

1.) Enter a description of the file you are uploading in the "Description" field.



- 2.) Click **Browse** to locate the file on your computer.
- 3.) Click Upload File(s) to upload the file(s) to the Correspond tab.

To view the uploaded image:

- 1.) Click on the correspond tab.
- 2.) You will see the link to the uploaded file under the "Document Details" Header.

Certifying a Leave

When an employee or his/her physician returns a medical certification form, there are several ways to access the medical certification screen.

From the Task List:

- 1.) Click the "Leave documentation due" task on either your My Tasks or Coming Soon tab.
- 2.) Click the associated link for the medical certification.

From the home page:

- 1.) Click the **Search** tab. A search screen will appear for you to enter information to find the employee's record.
- 2.) Enter any or all of the employee's first name, last name, employee number or social-security number.
- 3.) Click the **Submit** button, and a list of employees matching your search criteria will appear under the entry fields.
- 4.) Click on the **employee's name** to access his/her record.
- Click the associated leave number in the "Leave Summary" section of the Employee Profile screen.
- 6.) Click the **Certification** tab.
- Click the associated link for the medical certification or Recert to process a recertification form.
 - a.) The Medical Certification screen provides functionality for you to perform any action associated with receiving and recording medical certification results (see Figure 45).
 - b.) You can receive a complete certification and approve or deny leave accordingly.
 - c.) You can record the receipt of an incomplete certification, enter a new due date for the completed form, and generate a letter outlining the employee's responsibilities.
 - d.) You can record the receipt of a complete certification and request another physician's opinion.
 - e.) You can extend the due date to give the employee more time to return the form.
 - f.) You can deny the leave because the employee never returned the form
 - g.) Finally, you can just enter notes or record information without taking any action.

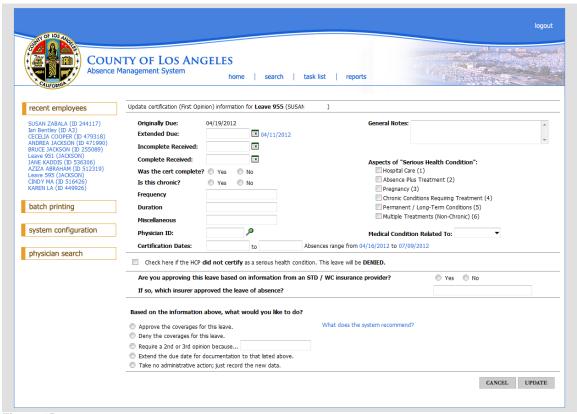


Figure 45

Processing a Complete Certification

If you receive a complete certification from the employee or his/her physician:

- 1.) Enter the date the form was received in the "Complete Received" field. You can also select the date using the calendar feature.
- 2.) Select the "Yes" option for "Was the cert complete?"
- 3.) Indicate if the physician indicated the illness is a "chronic serious health condition" by selecting either the "Yes" or "No" option for "Is this chronic?"
- 4.) Enter the frequency of the serious health condition in the "Frequency" field.
- 5.) Enter the duration of the serious health condition in the "Duration" field.
- 6.) Enter any miscellaneous notes in the "Miscellaneous" field.
- 7.) Find the certifying physician or enter him/her into the system using the search icon beside the "Physician ID" field. A search screen will appear (see Figure 46).
 - a.) Enter any or all of the physician's first name, last name, reference number, city or system ID. A list of any physicians matching your search criteria will appear. If the employee's physician appears in the list, click his/her name.

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	ADD NEW
Search parameters:	
Physician First Name:	
Physician Last Name:	
Physician Reference No.:	
Physician City:	
Physician System ID:	
	SUBMIT
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Figure 46

b.) If the physician's name does not appear in the list, click the **Add New** button. A screen will appear for you to enter the information about the physician (see Figure 47).



Please ensure the physician's information is entered correctly to avoid duplicating a physician's contact information.

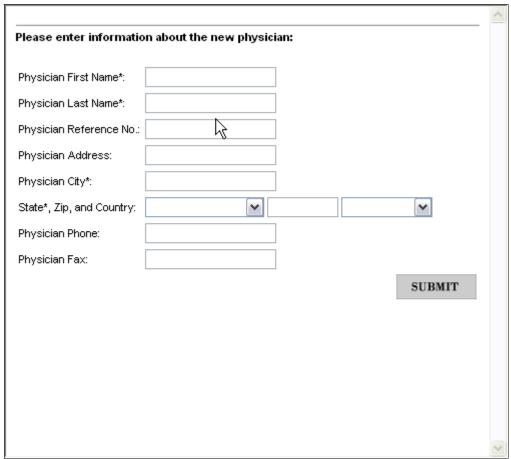


Figure 47

- c.) Enter the information for the physician. Fields marked by an * are required fields.
- d.) Click the SUBMIT button.
- e.) A screen will appear displaying the physician's ID number. Close the window and enter that number in the "Physician ID" field.
- 8.) Enter the dates the physician certified the serious health condition in the "Certification Dates" fields. The leave dates requested by the employee are listed. To quickly enter those dates, click the date links. You can change the dates after you've used the links.



The certification dates indicate which dates the leave should be approved for. Entering certification dates will not change the absences or policy coverage. If the leave absences needed to be added to the leave or the disability period updated for a pregnancy leave, please see the

Modifying a Leave section.

- 9.) Enter any notes or comments about the certification in the "General Notes" field (as applicable).
- 10.) Select the definition(s) of a serious health condition that the physician entered on the form under "Aspects of Serious Health Condition" (optional).

- 11.) Select what the medical condition is related to in the dropdown list for "Medical Condition Related to:" (optional).
- 12.) If the physician did not certify that the employee has a serious health condition, click the "Check if the HCP did not certify as a serious health condition" option. This will denial the leave.
- 13.) Indicate if you are approving the leave based upon information from an STD/WC provider by clicking the "Yes" or "No" option.
- 14.) Click the link "What does the system recommend?" to select an action item and verify that all required information has been entered. You can change the determination by clicking a different option.
- 15.) Click the **Update** button. A verification screen will appear for your review (see Figure 48).

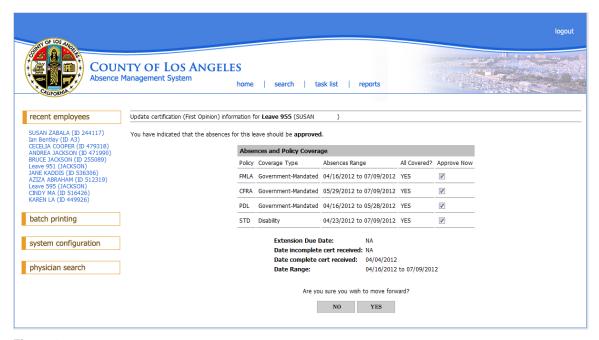


Figure 48

- 16.) Verify the information listed on the screen. If you want to go back to the Medical Certification screen, click the **NO** button.
- 17.) If you agree with the summary and want to approve or deny the leave, click the **YES** button to move forward.
- 18.) The approval or denial letter will be generated.
- 19.) Print the letter and send it to the employee.

Note

If the dates of the certification are less than the leave dates requested by the employee, the screen will list the absence range certified and the dates not covered by the certification. Please see the **Partial Approval** section for more information.

Processing an Incomplete Certification

If you receive an incomplete certification from the employee or his/her physician:

- 1.) Enter the extended due date for the employee to return the completed form in the "Extended Due" field. You can also select the date using the calendar feature.
- 2.) Enter the date the form was returned in the "Incomplete Received" field. You can also select the date using the calendar feature.
- 3.) Select the "No" option for "Was the cert complete?"
- Select the "Extend the due date for documentation to that listed above" option under the action list.
- 5.) Click the **UPDATE** button. A screen will appear summarizing your entries (see Figure 49).
- 6.) If you do not want to generate a notice of incomplete certification, select the "No" option next to "Do you wish to generate a notice of incomplete paperwork?."
- 7.) If you want to return to the Medical Certification screen, click the **NO** button.
- 8.) If you agree with the summary and want to generate the letter, click the **YES** button to move forward.
- 9.) Print the letter and send it to the employee.



Figure 49

Extending the Due Date

To give the employee more time to return the medical certification form:

- 1.) Enter the extended due date for the employee to return the form in the "Extended Due" field. You can also select the date using the calendar feature.
- Select the "Extend the due date for documentation to that listed above" option under the action list.

- 3.) Click the **UPDATE** button. A screen will appear summarizing your entries (see Figure 50).
- 4.) If you want to return to the Medical Certification screen, click the NO button.
- 5.) If you agree with the summary, click the **YES** button.



Figure 50

Partial Approval

To approve some, but not all, of the policies associated with an employee's leave:

- 1.) Click on the leave from the leave summary box on the employee profile screen that you need to partially approve.
- 2.) Click on the Certification tab.
- 3.) Click on **RECERT** for the new certification (see Figure 51).

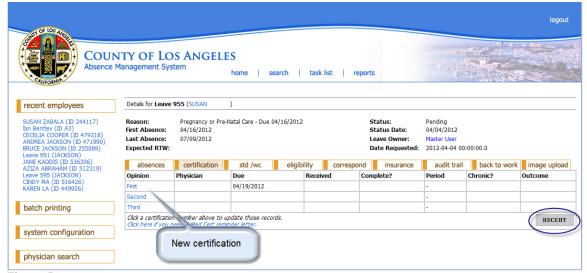


Figure 51

4.) Enter the appropriate information on the top half of the screen (see Figure 52).

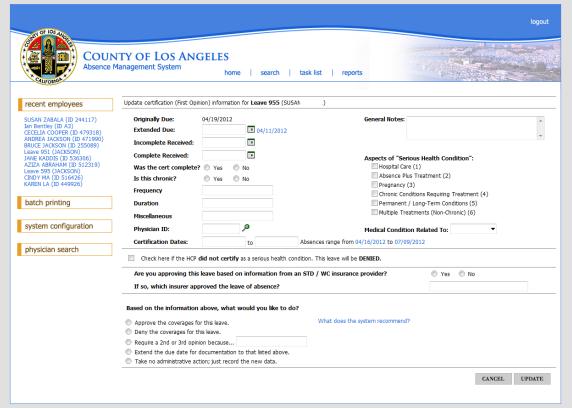


Figure 52



For Partial Approval to apply, the certification dates must cover less time than was requested. Example: EE requested leave

from 7/1/08 through 9/13/08, but the cert dates are for 7/1/08 through 9/12/08.

- 5.) Select **Approve the coverage for this leave** from the list at the bottom of the screen (see Figure 52).
- 6.) Click UPDATE.
- 7.) Select whether you would like to leave the outstanding absences pending, cancel them, or deny them.
 - a.) If you choose to pend or deny the absences, they will appeared as pending or denied (respectively) in the letter that is sent to the employee.
 - b.) If you choose to cancel the absences, the letter that is sent to the employee will not address the absences that were cancelled.

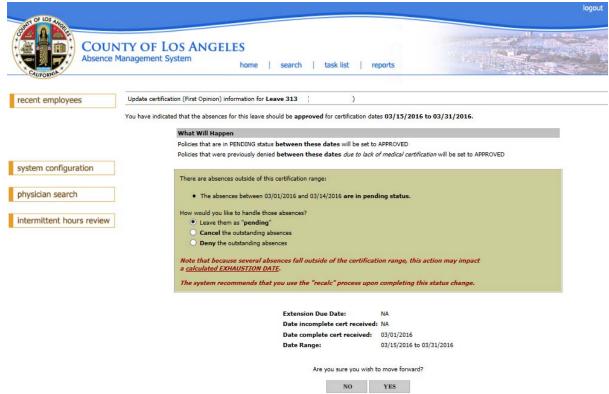


Figure 53

8.) Click YES.

Denying a Leave

LeaveLink® provides seven ways to deny leave while you are processing leaves. Each denial reason is listed below.

Denial Due to Reason for Leave

If you select the "Other" option from the "Reason for Leave" drop-down list on the Leave Request screen, LeaveLink® records the planned absences and will take you to a screen to record additional information (see Figure 54).

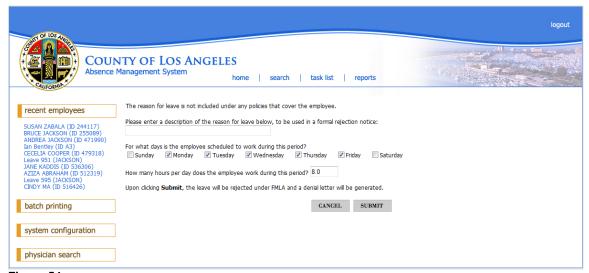


Figure 54

- 1.) Enter a description of the reason the employee is requesting a leave.
 - a.) This will appear on the leave record and in the denial correspondence.
- 2.) Indicate the days the employee was scheduled to work during this period by clicking the boxes beside the appropriate days.
- 3.) Enter the hours the employee was scheduled to work per day.
- 4.) Click the **SUBMIT** button to deny the leave and generate the required correspondence.
 - a.) To cancel the leave request, click the **CANCEL** button.
 - b.) To return to the leave request screen, click the web browser's back button.

Denial Due to Ineligibility

If an employee is not eligible for any policy during the leave eligibility review, click the **Deny** button to generate the denial correspondence packet. The letter will list all the policies for which the employee was denied leave. If the employee is eligible for at least one policy, proceed with the leave process, and the correspondence will list both policies that will and will not apply based upon eligibility.

Denial for Non-Certification of a Serious Health Condition

If you select the "HCP did not certify a serious health condition" option on the medical certification screen, the system will recommend that the leave be denied. You will be asked to confirm the denial and generate the denial letter accordingly.



The County of Los Angeles policy is to designate the medical leave, instead of denying it due to the HCP not certifying, if the employee is unable to work.

Denial for Not Returning Complete Documentation

If you never receive a complete medical certification from the employee or his/her physician, then you can deny the leave from the medical certification screen and generate the denial letter accordingly.

Denial Due to Exhaustion

If the employee has exhausted his/her leave entitlement, then LeaveLink® will create an exhaustion letter when you process the leave.

Denying Leave Due to "Late Filing" by Employee

If the employee fails to notify you of their need for leave in a timely manner, you may choose to deny the employee's leave due to late filing. Please see the *Denying Leave Due to "Late Filing"* by *Employee* section for more information on this process.

Denying Due to Over Age Child

If the employee requests leave for a child's serious health condition and the child is over the age of 18 and not a dependant, you may choose to deny the leave. Please see the *Denying Leave Due to Over Age Child* section for more information on this process.

Modifying a Leave

If an employee's leave changes, there are several ways to modify the leave, including canceling some or all of the absences, extending the end date of the leave, adding a single absence to the leave, modifying the policy coverage, and changing the delivery date for a pregnancy leave.

To modify a leave:

- 1.) Click the **Search** tab on the home page. A search screen will appear for you to enter information to find the employee's record.
- 2.) Enter any or all of the employee's first name, last name, employee number, or social-security number.
- 3.) Click the **SUBMIT** button and a list of employees matching your search criteria will appear under the entry fields.
- 4.) Click on the employee's name to access his/her record.
- 5.) Click the associated leave number in the "Leave Summary" section of the Employee Profile screen (see Figure 14).
- 6.) Click the **MODIFY** button on the **Absences** tab of the Leave Details screen. A screen will appear containing the options for modifying the leave (see Figure 55).

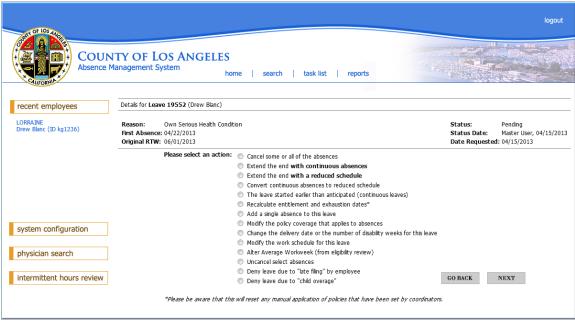


Figure 55

Canceling Selected Absences

If you need to modify the leave because the employee won't be taking one or more of the absence dates:

- 7.) Select the Cancel some or all of the absences option (see Figure 55).
- 8.) Click the **NEXT** button. The cancel absences screen will appear (see Figure 56).
- 9.) On the left side of the screen, click the **checkbox** beside each absence that you need to cancel.
- 10.) Enter notes or comments about the reason for canceling the absences in the "Cancellation Notes" field on the left side of the screen.
- 11.) Click the SUBMIT button.

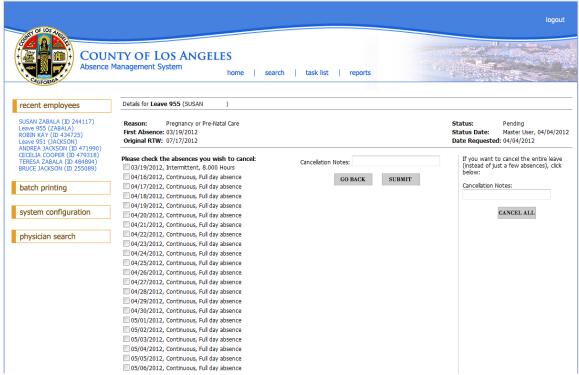


Figure 56

Canceling an Entire Leave

If you need to cancel an entire leave because the employee decides not to take the leave as planned:

- 7.) Select the **Cancel some or all of the absences** option (see Figure 55).
- 8.) Click the **NEXT** button. The cancel absences screen will appear.
- 9.) Enter notes or comments about the reason for canceling the absences in the "Cancellation Notes" field on the right side of the screen.
- 10.) Click the Cancel All button.



If you cancel the entire leave, the only thing you will be able to view for the leave is the audit trail. You will not be able to restore the leave and will need to re-enter it if it should not have been canceled.

Extending a Leave with Continuous Absences

If an employee is taking a continuous leave and needs more time than originally requested:

1.) Select the Extend the end with continuous absences option (see Figure 55).



When extending the end of a leave, LeaveLink® looks at the

previous absences as a "model" for the new extension dates. Therefore, you will not be able to extend the leave with continuous absences if the leave does not currently have any continuous absences.



Important

The duration between the leave start and end dates should not be longer than one year.



Important

When extending the dates of a leave, the absences will appear as pending if the certification dates do not cover the extended dates. In order for the dates not to appear as pending, then the certification date range needs to be extended.

2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The extending leave screen will appear (see Figure 57).



Figure 57

- 3.) The current last day of leave is displayed for your review. Enter the new end date of the leave in the "To what date would you like to extend the end of this leave?" field. You can also use the calendar feature to select the date.
- 4.) Click the **SUBMIT** button. A screen will appear showing you the leave coverage breakdown for the duration of the extended time frame (see Figure 58).



Figure 58

- 5.) Click the Finished button to add the additional absences to the employee's leave.
- 6.) Recalculate the leave and any future leave(s) the employee currently has in LeaveLink® (see Recalculating Entitlement and Exhaustion Dates).

Extending the Leave with a Reduced Schedule

If the employee needs to extend the end of his/her leave with a reduced schedule:

1.) Select the Extend the end with a reduced schedule option (see Figure 55).



When extending the dates of a leave, the absences will appear as pending if the certification dates do not cover the extended dates. In order for the dates not to appear as pending, then the certification date range needs to be extended.

2.) Click the **NEXT** button. A screen for extending the leave will appear (see Figure 59).



Figure 59

3.) Enter the dates for the reduced schedule portion of the leave.



The duration between the leave start and end dates should not be longer than one year

- 4.) Select the days the employee is scheduled to work and indicate the hours he/she will miss on those days.
- 5.) Click SUBMIT.

Converting Continuous Absences to Reduced Schedule

If you need to change an employee's continuous absences to a reduced schedule:

- 1.) Select the Convert continuous absences to reduced schedule option (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The screen for converting the absences will appear (see Figure 60).



Figure 60

- 3.) Enter the date range to convert.
- 4.) Indicate the days the employee is scheduled to work and the hours he/she will miss on each day.
- 5.) Click **SUBMIT**. A screen will appear indicating the final coverage breakdown for the leave.
- 6.) Click Finished.

Adding a Single Absence to a Leave (Intermittent Leaves Only)

If you just need to add a single absence to the employee's leave:

1.) Select the Add a single absence to this leave option (see Figure 55).



Important

When extending the dates of a leave, the absences will appear as pending if the certification dates do not cover the extended dates. In order for the dates not to appear as pending, then the certification date range needs to be extended.

2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The screen for adding a single absence will appear (see Figure 61).

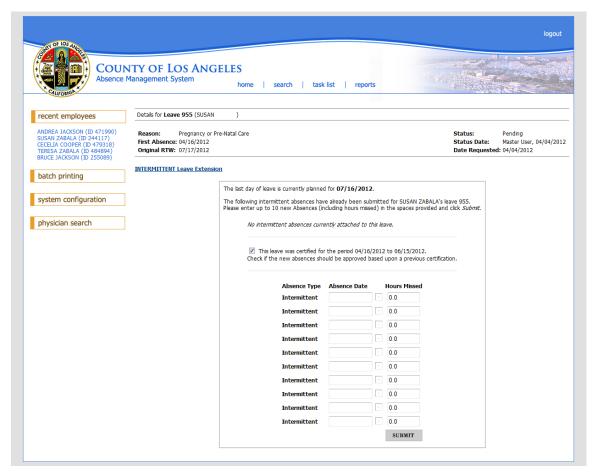


Figure 61

1.) The current last day of leave is displayed for your review. Enter the date(s) of the absence(s) that you want to add in the "Absence Date" fields and enter the hours for each absence in the "Hours Missed" field. You can also use the calendar feature to select the date.



The duration between the leave start and end dates should not be longer than one year.

- 2.) Click the **SUBMIT** button. A screen will appear showing you the leave coverage breakdown for that day.
- 3.) Click the **Finished** button to add the additional absence to the employee's leave.
- 4.) Recalculate the leave and any future leave(s) the employee currently has in LeaveLink® (see Recalculating Entitlement and Exhaustion Dates).

Modifying Policy Coverage

If you need to change the policies that cover the leave absences:

1.) Select the **Modify the policy coverage that applies to the absences** option (see Figure 55).

Click the NEXT button. The screen for modifying policy coverage will appear (see Figure 62).

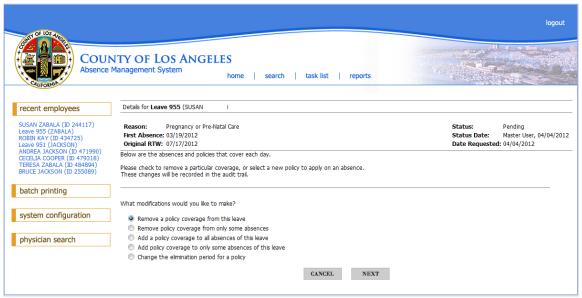


Figure 62

- 3.) Select whether to remove a policy, add a policy, or change a policy's elimination period.
- 4.) Select which policy to remove or add.
- 5.) Click NEXT.
- 6.) Based on your selection, you will be asked to either remove or add policy coverage to some or all of the absences dates or to update the elimination period for a disability policy.

Changing the Delivery Date or Disability Period for a Pregnancy Leave

If the actual delivery date is different from the expected delivery date entered during the leave request process:

- 1.) Select the Change the delivery date or the number of disability weeks for this leave option (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The screen for entering the new delivery date will appear (see Figure 63).



Figure 63

- 3.) The original delivery date is displayed for your review. Enter the new delivery date in the "To what would you like to change that?" field. You can also use the calendar feature to select the date.
- 4.) The number of weeks the employee will be disabled after giving birth and the last disabled date are displayed. The default number of weeks is six. If necessary, you may change the number of weeks or change the date based on the employee's medical certification.
- Click the SUBMIT button.
- 6.) A screen will appear indicating the final coverage breakdown for the leave.
- 7.) Click Finished.

Recalculating Entitlement and Exhaustion Dates

Entitlement needs to be recalculated if absences are added to the leave, which may cause the leave to exhaust, or if absences are cancelled for an exhausted leave, which may cancel out the exhaustion.

Entitlement also needs to be recalculated when you add or cancel absences on a current leave, and the employee also has a future planned leave in the system. You will need to recalculate the future leave to identify whether the future leave may be affected by the change to the current leave.

- 1.) Select Recalculate entitlement and exhaustion dates from the list (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click NEXT.
- 3.) You will see a screen saying you are about to recalculate exhaustion dates and entitlement for specific policies (see Figure 64).

This screen indicates the eligible policies for the employee's leave. If a policy didn't meet the eligibility requirements during the review process, it will not be considered for deductions.

After determining the applicable policies, LeaveLink® will look at the first and last absences that have not been cancelled, taking into account extensions, return to work early, and other factors that may cause the absence records to differ from intake.

It resets the time taken under the leave to zero deductions under FMLA and all other policies. In addition, it resets all exhaustion dates.

Finally, LeaveLink® plots out the absences and calculates deductions by looking at the leave schedule entered during the initial intake leave process.

LeaveLink® groups by day; therefore, removing any possibility of duplicates.



Figure 64

- 4.) Click NEXT.
- 5.) The screen you are viewing shows the recalculations as standard deductions (see Figure 65).



Figure 65

- 6.) Click Finished.
- 7.) You can track the recalculation in the audit trail by clicking on the audit trail tab.
- 8.) Notice that "Entitlement/exhaustion recalculated" appears in the audit trail, and the user that performed the action.

Modify Work Schedule for a Leave

- 1.) Select Modify the work schedule for this leave from the list (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click NEXT.
- 3.) Change the hours for the work schedule by clicking in the box for the day(s) you would like to change (see Figure 66).
- 4.) Change the effective date of the schedule if necessary.
- 5.) Select if existing absences should be updated to reflect the modified schedule from the effective date forward. If they should be updated, select "Yes." If you would like to retain the previous schedule on existing absences and apply the modified schedule to future absences only, select "No."
- 6.) Click SUBMIT.



Figure 66

Alter Average Workweek (from eligibility review)

- 1.) Select Alter Average Workweek (from eligibility review) from the list (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click NEXT.
- 3.) Change the average hours worked per week by editing the "Current Average Hours / Week" field (see Figure 67).



The current average workweek is determined by the hours worked on the demographics file at the time the leave was entered or by what was manually entered during the eligibility review.



Figure 67

- 4.) Click **NEXT**. The recalculation screen will appear.
- 5.) Click **NEXT** again.
- 6.) A screen will appear indicating the final coverage breakdown for the leave.
- 7.) Click SUBMIT.



The work schedule and the average workweek can be used independently of each other if necessary. For example, if the work schedule was entered as 8 hours, 5 days/week and the average hours were 30 during the leave intake, you have a couple of choices.

- 1.) You may just want to alter the work schedule to reflect 6 hours, 5 days/week.
- Or maybe the work schedule was correct, but the employee does average 40 hours. In this case, you would need to change the average workweek only.
- 3.) Or maybe both were entered incorrectly and the employee works 12 hours, 5 days/week and averages 60 hours per week. In this case, both the work schedule and the average work schedule would need to be corrected. The order doesn't matter. However, if you are trying to reset all the absences on the leave, you will

need to remember to select "yes," when modifying the work schedule.

Continuous Leave Started Earlier than Anticipated

- Select The leave started earlier than anticipated (continuous leaves) from the list (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click NEXT.
- 3.) Change the date to the date the leave actually began (see Figure 68).



The duration between the leave start and end dates should not be longer than one year.



Important

When extending the dates of a leave, the absences will appear as pending if the certification dates do not cover the extended dates. In order for the dates not to appear as pending, then the certification date range needs to be extended.



Figure 68

- 4.) Click **SUBMIT**. A screen will appear for you to verify the employee's schedule.
- 5.) The days that the employee is not scheduled to work are shaded in gray. You can change the scheduled days off by simply clicking the appropriate days on the calendar. Verify the employee's schedule.
- Click the SUBMIT button. A screen will appear showing the leave coverage breakdown for the additional time frame.
- 7.) Click the Finished button to add the additional absences to the employee's leave.
- 8.) Recalculate the leave and any future leave(s) the employee currently has in LeaveLink® (see Recalculating Entitlement and Exhaustion Dates).

Uncanceling Select Absences

- 1.) Select **Uncancel select absences** from the list (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click NEXT.
- 3.) Select the absences you would like to uncancel (see Figure 69).



Figure 69

Denying Leave Due to "Late Filing" by Employee

If the employee fails to notify you of their need for leave in a timely manner, you may choose to deny the employee's leave due to late filing.

- 1.) Select the Deny leave due to "late filing" by employee option (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The screen for denying the leave will appear (see Figure 70).

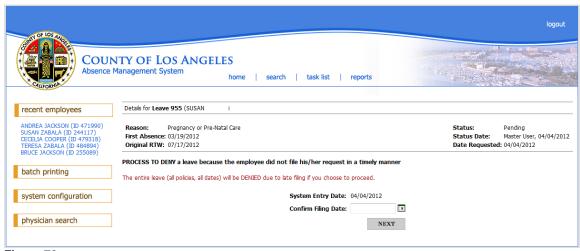


Figure 70

3.) LeaveLink will display the date that the leave was entered into the system. Confirm the filing date by reentering it in the "Confirm Filing Date" field.

- 4.) Click NEXT.
- 5.) The leave is now denied.

Denying Leave Due to Over Age Child

- 1.) Select the **Deny leave due to "child overage"** option (see Figure 55).
- 2.) Click the **NEXT** button. The screen for denying the leave will appear (see Figure 70).

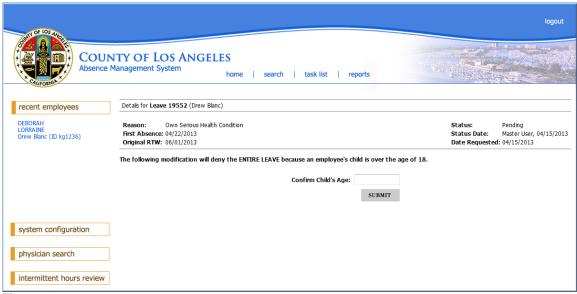


Figure 71

- 3.) Enter the age of the child in the "Confirm Child's Age" field.
- 4.) Click NEXT.
- 5.) The leave is now denied.

Closing Leaves

To close a leave:

- 1.) From the employee profile page, click on the leave you want to close in the leave summary box.
- 2.) Click the back to work tab.



Figure 72

3.) Enter the appropriate information into the fields (see Figure 72).



The allowed return to work date is required to close a leave. The RTW Authorization Rec'd date is also required to close a leave if the leave is for the employee's own serious health condition or pregnancy.



Actual RTW Date is a reportable field from this screen.

- 4.) Check the box next to "Check here if you would like to close to further modification or processing."
- 5.) Select the reason for closure from the dropdown menu (see Table 2 for closure reasons).



Do not close any leaves that are pending.

6.) Click SUBMIT.

Reasons for Closure
Conditional Assignment Agreement
Deceased
Discharged
Medical Release
No Reason Given
Out of Service
Resign
Retire
Return to Continuous Leave
Return to Work – Regular/Full-Time
Work Hardening Transitional Assignment

Table 2

Reports

LeaveLink® provides six different types of reports: details, summaries, trends, lists, audit, and analysis. Reports can be generated in the web browser or exported to Microsoft Excel. Many of the reports contain filter options that allow you to customize the report and create multiple, different reports from the same screen.

To generate a report.

- 1.) Click the **reports** tab at the top of any screen.
- 2.) Click the appropriate tab: details, summaries, trends, lists, audit, or analysis.

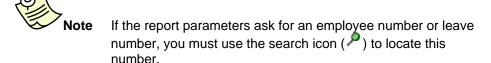


Figure 73

- 3.) Next to the report you wish to run, select either "Web Browser" or "MS Excel" (see Figure 73).
 - a. If you select Web Browser, Excel will open within the browser instead of within a separate application on your computer.
 - b. If you select MS Excel, the data will be populated into a new file on your Excel application. Your computer should prompt you to either open it or save it.



- 4.) Click Create.
- 5.) Enter the Report Parameters that you would like to view.



6.) Click SUBMIT.

Following is a description of some of the reports.

Details Reports

- Client Leave Report This report lists all leaves with absences in the specified timeframe, the policy coverage for the leave, and important dates associated with the leave, such as when it was approved.
- Open Leaves Plus Activity Report This report lists all of the open leaves that had activity, such as a modification or certification, in the timeframe specified.
- Detailed Absence Report This report lists all absences for each employee in the selected report grouping and totals the time taken for each policy.
- Individual Employee Absence Report This report summarizes the employee's leave and absence history and also graphs the employee's absences by day of the week.
- Employee Case Management Report This report shows all the leave notes associated with an employee's injury date.
- Leave Activity (Audit) Report This report is a printable version of the audit trail for a specified leave. It lists every action that has occurred within the system for the leave.
- Leave Management Report This report shows the most recent interaction type and note in the reporting period.
- Long Term Leave Detail Report This report shows all employees that have been out on leave for longer than six months as of the reporting period month.

Summary Reports

- Open Leave / RTW Summary This report shows all open leaves with a last day of absence, planned or actual return to work date during the date range.
- Absence Totals by Location This report shows each report grouping, the number of employees in it and the number of approved, pending, denied and total leaves.
- Leave Duration Report This report lists the important date ranges, such as the
 requested date range, the approved date range, and the certified date range, for all
 leaves with absences during the specified timeframe.
- Leave Denial Report This report provides a summary of all denied leaves including the denial reason.
- Long Term Leave Summary Report This report shows the number of employees on leave for greater than six months as of the reporting period month and the month prior to the reporting period month.

Trend Reports

- Demographic Breakdown Report This report shows the reasons why leave has been taken and the percentage taken by age group and gender.
- Day of Week Analysis This report graphs the workforce's absences by day of the week.
- Reason for Leave Analysis This report shows the number of leaves/absences taken for each reason.
- Absences by Month Breakdown This report shows the number of absences that occurred in each month specified in the timeframe.
- Physician Analysis This report lists the physicians who have submitted medical certification forms, the number they have approved or denied, their first cert, last cert, the average they certify per month and the number of chronic conditions certified.
- Medical Certification / Documentation (Timeframe) Analysis This report shows each medical certification requested, the date it was due and returned. It calculates the

timeframe for each med cert to be returned and an average timeframe. It also lists the average timeframe by administrator.

List Reports

- Reason Codes This report list all the reason codes in the system.
- Employer-Specified Policies This report lists all policies for that employer (this does not include government mandate policies such as FMLA and CFRA).
- Report Groupings (and Locations) This report lists all report groupings in the system.
- Supervisors This report lists all supervisors in the system.
- Pay Periods This report lists all pay periods in the system.

Audit Reports

- List of All Open Leaves This report lists all of the open leaves in LeaveLink[®].
- Exception Report This report lists all leaves in the specified timeframe with past due documentation.
- Overdue Task Report This report lists all tasks that are overdue.
- Task List Activity Report This report lists each administrator, the number of tasks he/she has completed during the specified timeframe, the number of tasks he/she has that are overdue, and the number of tasks he/she currently has in the future.
- Pending-Closed Leaves Report This report lists all leaves that are still pending but have been erroneously closed.
- Quarterly Audit Report This reports lists all the leaves in the system for the timeframe specified, the status of each of these leaves, and key dates, such as when correspondence was generated and when the certification was received, for each.
- Request Date Difference Report This report shows all leaves with an entry date that
 occurred during the reporting period and request dates that differ from the entry date.
- Long Term Leave Audit Report This report shows details for continuous leaves that might be longer than six (6) months in duration if the leave had been extended into the current report month.
- List of All Users in AMS This report shows AMS users assigned to a specific department.
- MLOA Exception Report This report identifies MLOA leaves that were entered with no
 previous leaves for OWN in order to ensure that the eligibility and entitlement
 determinations for FMLA/CFRA were conducted.
- Eligibility Overturned for FMLA/CFRA This report shows a list of leaves where FMLA and/or CFRA was overturned.
- Exhausted FMLA/CFRA This report shows a list of leaves where FMLA and/or CFRA exhausted.
- Intermittent Leaves Not Reconciled This report shows the number of intermittent absences ready to be reconciled by exception type.

Analysis Reports

- Absence Rate & Deviation Analysis This report identifies employees whose absence rate is above normal as compared to the other employees in the company.
- Employee Absence Analysis This report analyzes a single employee to determine how his/her absence pattern compares to the company's overall pattern.

- Overall Absence Percentages This report identifies employees that exceed a specific percent (as selected by the user) of days.
- "Seasonal" Absence Pattern Analysis This report identifies employees who have taken an above average amount of absences per quarter as compared to the other employees in the company.
- Weekday Absence Pattern Analysis -- This report identifies employees who have taken an above average amount of absences per week as compared to the other employees in the company.

Reviewing Intermittent Hours

The Intermittent Hours Review button allows you to view and reconcile intermittent leave hours imported from the County payroll system that conflicts with leave information in LeaveLink® and need to be applied to the employee's FMLA intermittent record. The records on the Intermittent Hours Review mean absence information was imported into LeaveLink® that does not match the leave information that is already in LeaveLink®. You can access the Intermittent Hours Review button on the left side of your screen.

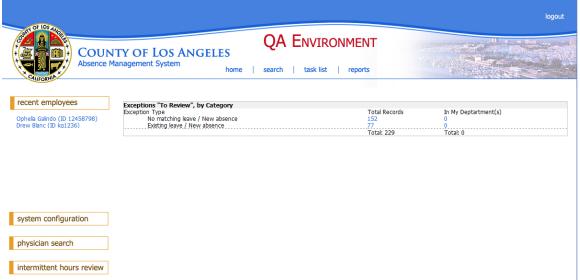


Figure 74

What is an exception?

When the information from the County payroll import does not match what is in LeaveLink[®], it is referred to as an "exception." The exceptions are placed on a list under Intermittent Hours Review. Exceptions are grouped together in categories; an example of a category is "No matching leave/New absence." See Table 3 for a description of what each means.

Exception Type	What this means
No matching leave/ New Absence	Received absence hours, but employee does not have a leave for that reason in LeaveLink®. For example, the FMLA hours imported are for the employee's own serious illness, but the AMS shows no

	leave or shows a leave for
	another reason.
Existing leave/ New absence	Received absence hours and
	the employee has a leave for
	the same reason; however,
	this absence date does not
	already exist on the leave.
Conflicting Absences – Partial	Received absence hours and
Day	the employee has a leave for
	the same reason and day;
	however, the hours in
	LeaveLink reflect a continuous
	leave.

Table 3

How to process an exception

- 1.) Click the intermittent hours review button.
- 2.) A screen will appear (see Figure 74) listing the different exception types and the corresponding number of exceptions for your department. Click the number for the corresponding exception type you would like to view.
- 3.) A screen will appear listing the individual records for that exception type (see Figure 75). The list is grouped by employee.

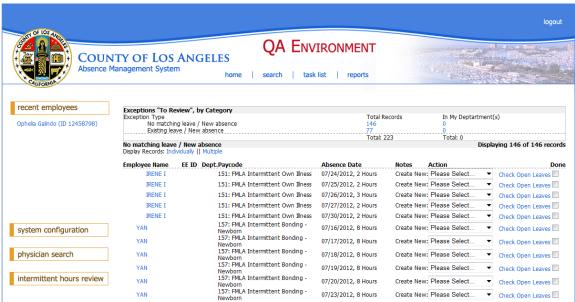


Figure 75

Depending on the exception type, there will be different options for processing it.

Processing "No matching leave/New absence"

There are two ways to work the exceptions for "No matching leave/New absence." You may work with each individual absence by clicking on the "Individually" link next to Display Records. Or you

may work on multiple absences for the same employee at one time by clicking on the "Multiple" link next to Display Records.

To process the absences individually,

4.) Click Individually next to Display Records (see Figure 76). The screen will list each individual exception record (see Figure 76). The employee name, employee id, department, paycode (received from the County payroll import), and absence date and hours (received from the County payroll import) will appear for each exception. You can also use the Filter by Location drop down to search for exceptions related to specific Pay Locations.

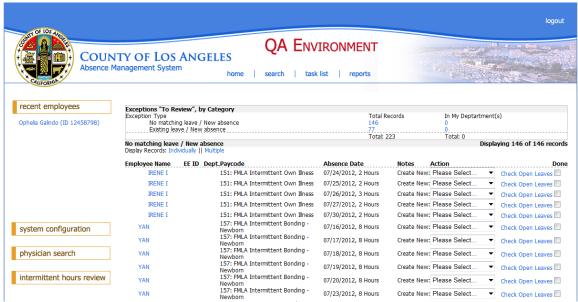


Figure 76

5.) You can check to see if the employee has any open leaves by clicking **Check Open Leaves**. A pop-up will appear listing the leaves (see Figure 77), if any, for the employee. If an open leave exists and matches the Department pay code, you should assign this absence to the matching open leave.



Figure 77

- a.) Select the leave from the dropdown.
- b.) Click **Submit**. This absence has now been associated with the open leave and moved to the "Existing leave/ New absence" exception. You will need to process it under the "Existing leave/New absence" category for it to be added to the leave.
- 6.) If you find there is no matching open leave, create a new leave by selecting the reason for leave from the "Create New:" dropdown menu. This will take you to the new leave request screen. The absence that you selected will appear as an intermittent absence under the "Current Plan" at the bottom of the screen. Continue processing the leave request as usual.



Only the one absence (from the exception record) will be added to the leave.

7.) If you already applied the intermittent hours to the open leave and would like to remove it from the screen, select the "Done" checkbox for it and click the **Submit Completions** button at the bottom of the screen.

To process multiple absences for an employee at one time,

4.) Click **Multiple** next to Display Records (see Figure 76). The screen will group the absences in a block for each employee (see Figure 78). The employee name, employee id, department, paycode (received from the County payroll import), and absence date and

hours (received from County payroll import) will appear for each exception. The leave number, if one exists, will appear below the employee's group of absences.

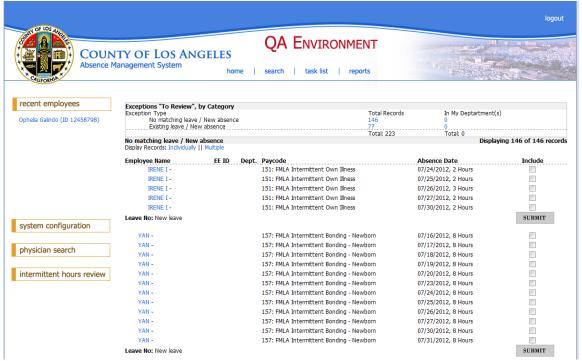


Figure 78

5.) To enter a leave and multiple absences to the leave, select the checkbox in the **Include** column for each of an employee's absences that you would like to include in the new leave request process.



To select all of the absences for that employee, select the checkbox in the **Include** column associated with the "Select All" row for the block of absences you would like to include in the new leave request process.

6.) Click the **Submit** button directly below the block of absences. This will take you to the new leave request screen. The absences that you selected will appear as intermittent absences under the "Current Plan" at the bottom of the screen. Continue processing the leave request as usual.



You can add only 10 absences at one time to the leave.

Processing "Existing leave/ New absence"

There are two ways to work the exceptions for "Existing leave/ New absence." You may work with each individual absence by clicking "Individually" link next to Display Records. Or you may work on multiple absences for the same employee at one time by clicking "Multiple" link next to Display Records.

To process the absences individually,

4.) Click **Individually** next to Display Records (see Figure 79). The screen will list each individual exception record (see Figure 79). The employee name, employee id, department, paycode (received from the County payroll import), and absence date and hours (received from County payroll import) will appear for each exception.

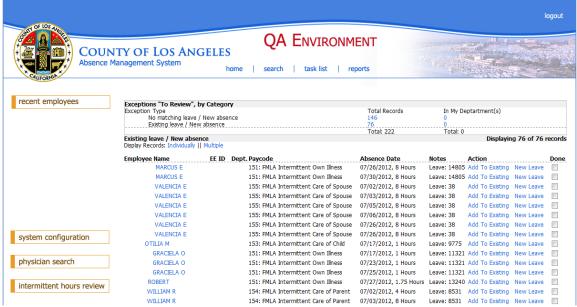


Figure 79

5.) The notes display the leave number the exception has been matched to in LeaveLink[®]. You may add the absence to this leave by clicking **Add to Existing**. This will take you to the "Add a single absence to this leave" option on the Modify menu. Continue adding the absences as usual.



Only the one absence (from the exception record) will be added to the leave.

Or

5.) You may add the absence to a new leave request by clicking **New Leave**. The absence that you selected will appear as an intermittent absence under the "Current Plan" at the bottom of the screen. Continue processing the leave request as usual.



Only the one absence (from the exception record) will be added to the leave.

6.) If you already applied the intermittent hours to the open leave and would like to remove it from the screen, select the "Done" checkbox for it and click the **Submit Completions** button at the bottom of the screen.

To process multiple absences for an employee at one time,

4.) Click **Multiple** next to Display Records (see Figure 79). The screen will group the absences in a block for each employee (see Figure 80). The employee name, employee id, department, paycode (received from the County payroll import), and absence date and hours (received from County payroll import) will appear for each exception.



Figure 80

5.) The leave number displayed below the block shows the leave number the exceptions have been matched to in LeaveLink. To add multiple absences to the leave, select the checkbox in the **Include** column for each of an employee's absences that you would like to include in the new leave request process. This will take you to the "Add a single absence to this leave" option on the Modify menu. Continue adding the absences as usual.



To select all of the absences for that employee, select the checkbox in the **Include** column associated with the "Select All" row for the block of absences you would like to add to the leave.



You can add only 10 absences at one time to the leave. If there are more than 10 absences, anything beyond the 10th absence will remain on the intermittent hours review screen.

Processing "Conflicting Absence - Partial Day"

Exceptions for "Conflicting Absence – Partial Day" must be processed individually. The screen will list each individual exception record (see Figure 79). The employee name, employee id, department, paycode (received from the County payroll import), and absence date and hours

(received from County payroll import) will appear for each exception.



Figure 81

The notes display the leave number the exception has been matched to in LeaveLink®. Click **go to leave** to review the existing absence hours in LeaveLink. This will take you to the Absences tab for the leave. From here, you will either need to cancel the existing absence or adjust the hours missed by clicking on the absence date.

Once you corrected the absence hours in LeaveLink and would like to remove the exception record from the Intermittent Hours Reviewed screen, select the "Done" checkbox for the record and click the **Submit Completions** button at the bottom of the screen.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FAQs Covered:

I've forgotten my username. How do I retrieve it?

I've forgotten my password. How do I reset it?

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I've forgotten my username. How do I retrieve it?

If you have forgotten your username, you will need to click the **Forgot Username?** link located below the login fields on the login screen (see Figure 82).



You must have previously logged into LeaveLink and setup a security question and answer to use this option.



Your username is 'e' or 'c' + employee number. For example: e123456 or c123456.

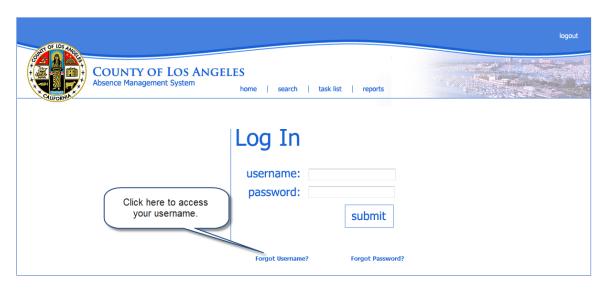


Figure 82

1.) Click the **Forgot Username?** link. This will prompt you to enter your first and last names and employee id (see Figure 83). All three fields are required to proceed. Click **Submit**.



Figure 83

2.) Next, you will need to answer the security question you previously set up when logging into LeaveLink (see Figure 84). Click **Submit**.



You will need to enter the exact answer you entered when you selected your security question.



Figure 84

3.) Your username will be displayed.

I've forgotten my password. How do I reset it?

If you have forgotten your password after you changed it from the default setting of "password," you will need to click the **Forgot Password?** link located below the login fields on the login screen (see Figure 85).



You must have previously logged into LeaveLink and setup a security question and answer to use this option.



If this is the first time you are logging into LeaveLink, your temporary password was emailed to you by AMS Support. If you do not have your temporary password, you will need to email AMS Support for assistance at amssupport@hr.lacounty.gov

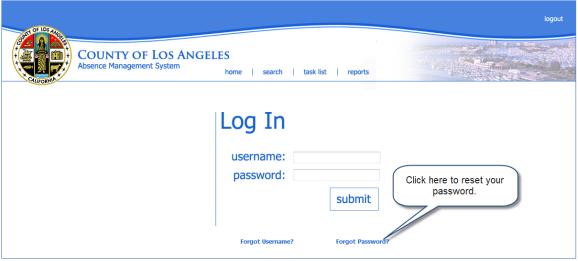


Figure 85

- 1.) Click the Forgot password? link.
- 2.) Enter your username in the field (see Figure 86). Click Submit.



Figure 86

3.) Next, you will need to answer the security question you previously set up when logging into LeaveLink (see Figure 87). Click **Submit**.



You will need to enter the exact answer you entered when you selected your security question.



Figure 87

4.) You will receive a temporary password sent to your registered email address on file. Follow the instructions included in this email to reset your password.



Note You will be prompted to change your password the first time you login after having reset it.

What should I do if I receive a runtime error?

If you receive an error message saying that a Runtime Error has occurred, and it asks if you would like to debug (see Figure 88), you will need to change a setting in Microsoft Internet Explorer to use LeaveLink.

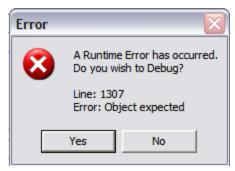


Figure 88

To change the setting,

- 1.) On the Internet Explorer menu, select **Tools**.
- 2.) On the Tools menu, click on **Internet Option** (see Figure 89). The Internet Options box will appear.

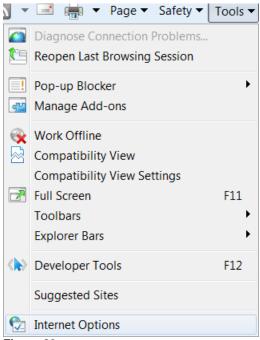


Figure 89

- 3.) Click the **Advanced** tab in the Internet Options box.
- 4.) Make sure both "Disable Script Debugging (Internet Explorer)" and "Disable Script Debugging (Other)" have checks next to them (see Figure 90). If they do not, click in the checkbox next to them to check them.

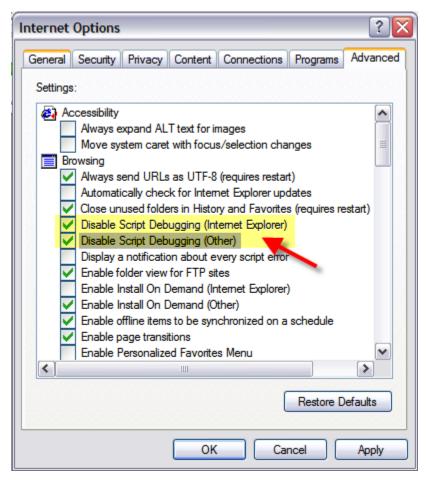


Figure 90

- 5.) Click the Apply button.
- 6.) Close the Internet Options box.
- 7.) Close your web browser and open a new one.
- 8.) Enter www.leavelink.com into the address bar. You should no longer receive the Runtime Error message.

How do I enter an open historic leave?

If you need to enter a historic leave that is currently in progress or will need additional processing, please enter it as a new leave using the **NEW LEAVE** button on the employee profile screen. Leaves entered using the **HISTORIC** button will be entered as approved, closed leaves which cannot be modified or managed.

An employee is erroneously showing as ineligible for one or more policies in LeaveLink. How do I make them eligible for the policies?

LeaveLink receives employee employment information, such as hire date and hours worked, from eHR. If an employee is appearing as ineligible for one or more policies in LeaveLink *and* you have verified that he/she should actually be eligible, you may overturn the policy requirements and apply the policies to the leave during the eligibility review (see *Overturning Coverage*).

Once the leave has been entered, there is not a way to overturn the policy coverage. It will need to cancelled and re-entered.

The medical certification dates cover more than the absence dates. Why didn't the absence dates update when I entered the certification dates?

Entering certification dates on the certification tab updates the approval status of absences. It will not extend the absence dates or cancel absences. To extend the absences to match the certification dates, you will need to click the **MODIFY** button on the absences tab and select the appropriate action; see the

Modifying a Leave section for more information on extending or canceling absences.

The disability period on the pregnancy leave I entered is longer than six weeks. How do I apply PDL to additional absences and remove CFRA?

LeaveLink uses six weeks after the delivery date as the default disability on a pregnancy leave when it is entered. There is not a way to change this while entering the leave. It may be changed once the leave has been entered by clicking the **MODIFY** button on the absences tab and selecting "Change the delivery date or the number of disability weeks for this leave." See the **Changing the Delivery Date or Disability Period for** a Pregnancy Leave section for more information on how to change the disability period.

How do I enter a leave with absences that overlap an existing leave?

If you enter a leave that has one or more absences that overlap with an existing leave for the employee, LeaveLink will flag this when you entering the leave. When entering the new leave, a screen will appear alerting you that there are absences that are duplicated on another leave (see Figure 91).

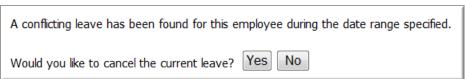


Figure 91

To continue entering the leave, click **No**. If you did not intend for there to be duplicate absences, click **Yes**; this will cancel the leave you are currently entering.

What is "personal protected leave?"

The leave reason "personal protected leave" refers to leaves for victims of domestic violence, which are covered by some states' statutes.

The letters are not generating for me. Why is this happening?

If you are experiencing problems generating the PDF version of the letters, please make sure that your computer has a minimum Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on it.

How do I identify which letter a "print and mail correspondence" task is for?

If you hover over the "Recreate PDF" link on the Correspondence tab, a URL will appear in the bottom left of your browser window. This URL contains a doc_id for that PDF (see Figure 92), which is the id that appears in the comments section of the task list (see Figure 93).

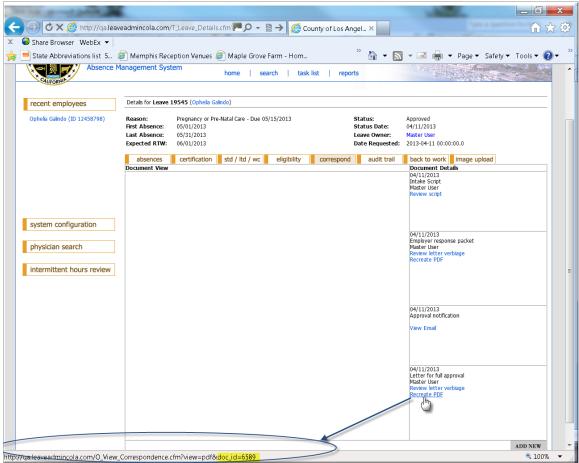


Figure 92



Figure 93

I don't see a URL at the bottom of my screen when hovering over correspondence. How do I enable this?

In IE 8, press the Alt and the V keys on your keyboard at the same time. This will cause the view menu to appear. From here, select the Status Bar.

In IE 9, press the Alt and the V keys on your keyboard at the same time. The will cause the View menu to appear. Select the Toolbars option, and then select the Status Bar option.

Appendix A – Reasons for Leave

The below table lists the various reasons for leave that are available in LeaveLink®. The "Description" column is how the reasons for leave are worded in the new leave request dropdown. The "Reason Code" is how they appear in the "Current Leave Entitlement" box on the Employee Profile screen. Please note that some Reason Codes are specific to certain departments.

Reason Code	Description	Used In Policy Types
4850 WC	4850 Leave	Employer-authorized,
5020	5020 Form	Employer-authorized.
ADA LEAVE	ADA Leave	Employer-authorized,
ADMIN	Administrative LOA	Employer-authorized,
ADOPT	Adoption of a Child	Government-mandated.
AIRPATROL	Volunteering with Civil Air Patrol	Government-mandated.
CAA	Conditional Assignment Agreement	Employer-authorized,
CAA_ADMIN	Conditional Assignment Agreement / Admin Reassign	• •
CAA SCDR	Conditional Assignment Agreement / SCDR	Employer-authorized,
CHILD	Child's Serious Health Condition	Government-mandated.
DONOR	Donation of Organs	Government-mandated.
EDUC	Education / Training Leave	Employer-authorized,
EMERG RESPOND	Emergency Responder Duty	Government-mandated.
EMERG TRAIN	Emergency / Rescue Training	Government-mandated.
FAMMIL CHILD	Family Military – Exigency (Child)	Government-mandated.
FAMMIL IS	Family Military – Caregiver leave	Government-mandated.
FAMMIL IS VET	Family Military – Caregiver leave (Veteran)	Government-mandated.
FAMMIL PARENT	Family Military – Exigency (Parent)	Government-mandated.
FAMMIL_SPOUSE	Family Military – Exigency (Spouse)	Government-mandated.
FIRE TRAIN	Firefighter Training	Government-mandated.
FIREFIGHT_EMC	Firefighter / EMC Leave	Government-mandated.
FOSTER	Placement of a Child for Foster Care	Government-mandated.
MARROW	Donation of Bone Marrow	Government-mandated,
MIL EXTEND	Extended Military Leave	Employer-authorized,
MIL_NG_ACTIVE	Military Active Duty – National Guard / USAF	Government-mandated.
MIL_NG_TRAIN	Military Training – National Guard / USAF	Government-mandated.
MIL SDF ACTIVE	Military Active Duty – State Defense	Government-mandated.
MIL_SDF_TRAIN	Military Training – State Defense	Government-mandated.
MILITARY	Military Leave	Employer-authorized,
MLOA	Medical Leave of Absence	Employer-authorized, Disability and/or Workers' Comp,
NEWBORN	Bonding With a Newborn Child	Government-mandated.
OWN	Own Serious Health Condition	Government-mandated, Disability and/or Workers' Comp,
PARENT	Parent's Serious Health Condition	Government-mandated.
PARTNER	Dom. Partner' Serious Health Condition	Government-mandated.
PERSONAL	Personal LOA	Employer-authorized,
PERSONAL ASSIST JURISD	Personal - Assisting Another Jurisdiction	Employer-authorized,
PERSONAL BONDING	Personal LOA for Bonding	Employer-authorized,
PERSONAL_EXIGENCY	Personal LOA for Military Exigency	Employer-authorized,
PERSONAL FAMILY	Personal LOA for Family Care	Employer-authorized,
PERSONAL_UNION	Personal - Employment by Labor Union	Employer-authorized,
PPL_OTHER	Personal Protected Leave	Government-mandated,
PREGNANCY	Pregnancy or Pre-Natal Care	Government-mandated, Disability and/or Workers' Comp,
SPOUSE	Spouse's Serious Health Condition	Government-mandated,
WHTA	Work Hardening Transitional Assign	Employer-authorized,
Table 4		

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Glossary of LeaveLink® Terminology

Calendar (tracking period): January 1st to December 31st, employer's fiscal year, or employee's anniversary date

Chronic Health Condition: Requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care provider, continues over an extended period of time, and may occur episodic (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.) rather than a continuing period of incapacity.

Closed Leave: A leave that is no longer active. In LeaveLink, there is a function to close the leave. Typically, a continuous leave should be closed when the employee returns to work. An intermittent leave should be closed after one year if it has not already been closed.

Continuous Leave: The employee will miss one or more full days in a row of work.

Eligibility: The employee meets the requirements of the policy.

Elimination Period: A period of time between the beginning of a disability and the date benefits (STD or LTD) begin.¹

Entitlement: The policies an employee has available and the time the employee has available (after being deemed eligible) under these policies.

Exceptions: Client absence or hours worked information received on a (file) feed that conflicts with information that is currently in LeaveLink.

Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA): Federally mandated leave policy that provides 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave in a 12 month period.

Historic Leave: Leaves that occurred before implementing LeaveLink. If manually entered, enter only closed leaves.

Intermittent Leave: The employee will miss one or more partial days of work.

Long-term Disability (LTD): (1) A disability having a duration longer than a short-term disability, the exact duration being variable and a matter of reference; more commonly anything longer than six months. (2) A form of group disability insurance paying benefits for more than the customary 13 to 26 weeks; more commonly, benefits of five years' duration or more, but depending on terms of reference.²

Medical Certification (Med Cert): Form employee submits to healthcare provider for him/her to fill out. The form is then returned to the employer to establish that the employee has (or does not have) a serious health condition.

Paid Time Off (PTO): An employer-authorized policy that provides paid time away from work; typically used for vacation, personal time, personal illness, or time off to care for dependents.³

Pregnancy Leave: Includes both the disability portion of the woman's leave [absences before giving birth and up to 6 wks after birth (8 wks if she has a cesarean-section)] and the "care and bonding" portion of her leave. It is extremely rare that a female will take leave for only "Care and Bonding."

Reconcile: To correct exceptions so they no longer conflict with information that is already in LeaveLink.

Reduced Schedule: The employee temporarily needs his/her schedule changed, so that he/she works fewer hours per day or fewer days per week. The change will last for more than one week.

Report Groupings: Employee information such as office location, division, department, etc. When combined together, make a report grouping. Used to filter reports and apply policies.

Rolling Backwards: Looks back 12 months to count the amount of time taken and available.

¹ http://www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/glossary.asp#WWW

² http://www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/glossary.asp#WWW

³ http://www.shrm.org/hrtools/policies_published/CMS_005600.asp

Rolling Forwards: 12-month period sets a fixed year the first time an employee takes leave.

Serious Health Condition: An illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility; or continuing treatment by a health care provider.

Short-term Disability (STD): Income replacement plan for employees unable to work due to an illness, pregnancy or injury⁴

Variables: Information in letters that changes, such as today's date. Not hard coded on letter; system fills it in with appropriate information.

Worker's Compensation (WC): Payments required by law to be made to an employee who is injured or disabled in connection with work.⁵

Timecard Coding

FMLA/CFRA and PDL is an unpaid leave of absence. However, employees may use accrued time to receive pay concurrently with a protected leave.

Event Code:

- >078 Leave with pay, with health benefits
 >Used to track FMLA, CFRA or PDL
- >076 Leave without pay, with health benefits
 - Used to track FMLA, PDL, and CFRA for Maternal Bonding & Domestic Partner* leave reasons only
- >074 CFRA leave only without pay, without health benefits
 - Used to track CFRA for all reasons* (except Maternal Bonding & Domestic Partner*)
 - *Contact DHR Countywide FMLA Coordinator when CFRA – Domestic Partner for exceptions

- ➤ In all cases, a <u>Reason Code</u> must be used with an Event Code:
 - 150 Continuous Leave
 - 160 Continuous Maternal Bonding
 - 151 Intermittent Own Illness
 - 152 Intermittent Pregnancy
 - > 153 Intermittent Care of Child
 - > 154 Intermittent Care of Parent
 - > 155 Intermittent Care of Spouse
 - 156 Intermittent Care of Domestic Partner
 - 157 Intermittent Bonding Newborn
 - 158 Intermittent Bonding -Adoption
 - 159 Intermittent Bonding Foster Child
 - 161 Intermittent Military Caregiver Leave
 - 162 Intermittent Military Exigency
 - 163 Intermittent Maternal Bonding

⁴ http://www.shrm.org/hrtools/policies_published/CMS_008034.asp#TopOfPage

⁵ workers' compensation. (n.d.). *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*. Retrieved October 30, 2006, from Dictionary.com website: http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/workers' compensation

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